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TAGGART IS DEAD.

The Well-Known Hotel Proprietor Passed Away at Battle Creek, Michigan.

HEART DISEASE CAUSED DEATH.

The News was Received in Decatur This Morning—Was a Popular Hotel Man and Widely Known.

From the Daily of Monday.

Robert Taggart, proprietor of the Central hotel at the depot, and one of the well known citizens of Decatur, died this morning at the sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich., where he had been for the benefit of his health. His death was caused by heart disease. The news was received here about 8 o'clock this morning.

While Mr. Taggart's friends and family realized that his health was poor and that his condition was critical, the news of his death was a shock to them. Mr. Taggart was at Battle Creek with his wife and youngest child. A telegram was received this morning by Mrs K. Harwood from Mrs. Taggart. The message simply stated that Mr. Taggart had died and that the news be communicated to the four children who have remained home.

Mr. Taggart has been at Battle Creek for several weeks past He went there on November 12 in the hope that the advantages of the sanitarium would be of benefit to his declining health. Mr. Taggart has been suffering with chronic valvular heart disease for the past three years. Within the last nine months his condition was pronounced critical by his physicians. Several times he had gone away for his health. He had always, however, taken an active part in the management of his hotel until last August, when he went to Madison, Wis., for a visit. He returned home much rested but his vacation did not relieve his disease. Since that time he had been at his home on North Morgan street most of the time, occasionally driving out and visiting the hotel several times a day. His condition gradually grew worse until he went to Battle Creek in the hope that treatment at that place might benefit him. When he left his home Mr Taggart expressed himself as being very much discouraged with his physical condition.

With the death of Robert Taggart the city loses one of its best citizens and a good man. As a hotel proprietor Mr. Taggart was one of the most widely known and most popular in this part of the state. He had been in the hotel business for the past 30 years and had a wide acquaintance with traveling men, railroad men and others with whom a hotel proprietor comes in contact. From a business standpoint he was a success. He had a wonderful faculty for making friends, a courteous manner and always had a pleasant word for everyone. Everybody who knew him always spoke highly of him and it was seldom that anyone who ever met Mr. Taggart did not like him.

Robert Taggart was born in Ireland August 8, 1849. He came to this country with his parents when a boy and made his home at Xenia, Ohio. He there resided until grown. He learned and worked at the trade of a brick mason when young but later took a position as call boy in a hotel. From that position he began his career of a successful hotel man. He took a position as clerk in a hotel at Xenia and also held several other similar positions.

At Terre Haute, Ind., he made his home for many years, moving there from Xenia, Ohio, shortly after his marriage He was for 11 years manager of the hotel at the Terre Haute depot, owned by Ohmer Brothers, a firm conducting hotels in many different cities. From Terre Haute Mr. Taggart came to Decatur about eight years ago. He bought the business of the Central house at the Union depot after Colonel White had retired During the time he had been in business in Decatur he renewed his reputation as a good hotel manager and had also won for himself a highly esteemed position among the citizens of Decatur. Mr. Taggart was married to Mary Greenwood 20 years ago at Xenia, Ohio. He is survived by a wife and five children, Ralph Taggart, aged 19, Thomas, aged 14 and Robert who is now visiting in Ohio, Mary, who is in Decatur, and Edgar, aged six years, who was with his parents at Battle Creek.

Thomas Taggart, mayor of Indianapolis, is a brother of the deceased. He also leaves five sisters One of them, Mrs. Mary Hanwell, of Springfield, Ohio, has been in this city caring for Mr and Mrs. Taggart's children during their absence

Mr. Taggart was a member of the Odd Fellows, the K. of P. and was also a 32nd degree Mason His memberships, however, were held in the lodges in Ohio and he was not connected with any of the lodges of this city.

Found Dead in Her Chair.

Mrs. Marietta Cromwell, wife of B P. Cromwell, janitor of the Oakland school, and sister of County Surveyor George V Loring, died suddenly and alone Sunday morning about 7 o'clock at her home, No. 1068 West Decatur street. It is supposed that death was caused by heart disease, as the lady has suffered with heart trouble for many years past. Mrs. Cromwell was found dead in her chair by her 16 year old daughter. The death was a terrible shock to the members of the family and was particularly sad as Mrs. Cromwell died alone in one room, while her husband and daughter were in an adjoining room and it had not been suspected that she was not feeling well.

About 6 o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Cromwell awoke her husband and asked him to build the fires. Mr. Crowmell after building the fires in the house returned to the bedroom and told his wife that he would sleep for a short time. Mrs. Cromwell had arisen and was dressed and went into the sitting room and partly closed the door. She seemed to be feeling well and her husband little supposed that he would find his wife dead before another hour. He heard Mrs. Cromwell seat herself in a large rocking chair and shut the damper on the stove. About an hour later Ottie, the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell, arose and dressed and went into the sitting room. She saw that her mother looked strange and not being able to awake her called to her father.

Mr. Cromwell arose at once and entered the room and found that his wife was dead. Efforts were made to revive her but she had evidently been dead some minutes. She had been taking some medicine for a cold during the past week or so and the medicine bottle was on a table near by and in her hand was a tea cup in which she had poured a dose of medicine and drank it. She had laid her head back in the chair and apparently had died without a struggle or pain.

When the father and child realized that Mrs. Cromwell was dead they were terribly shocked and the neighbors were called to the house. Coroner Bendure was at once notified and called at the house and took charge of the remains.

The death of Mrs Cromwell was a great surprise to the members of her family and to her friends. For many years past she has been suffering with heart trouble and once had a severe attack but recently she has apparently been in excellent health. Saturday she did the housework at her home as usual and in the evening she visited the business portion of the city with her husband to make some purchases. She was in good spirits and seemingly was in perfect health. She walked from her home to the business part of the city and did not seem to be at all fatigued by the exertion. For the reason that Mrs. Cromwell was supposed to be in good health it was difficult for her family to realize that she was dead.

Mrs. Cromwell's family, however, seem to be pursued by a peculiar fate. Her father, mother, two sisters and two brothers all died in the same manner as herself. Each of them at different times passed away suddenly and several of them were alone as she was when death overtook them.

Mrs. Cromwell's maiden name was Marietta Loring She was 65 years old, being born in December, 1832, at Oakham, Mass. She came to Decatur with her husband to make her home 16 years ago. Besides a husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Lancaster of Crookston, Minn., and Ottie Cromwell, aged 16 years. She is also survived by two brothers George V. Loring of the city, the county surveyor, and another brother living at Oakham, Mass.

The time of the funeral has not yet been decided upon and will be announced later

Coroner Bendure held the inquest over the body of Mrs. Cromwell at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon at the residence. The jury returned a verdict that death was caused by valvular heart disease. The jury was composed of the following: Dr H D. Hoil foreman, Dr. M. V. Lonergan, Dr. W. C Bowers, E. S. Baker, Charles Brayden and Charles M. Downing.

NOVEMBER WEATHER.

The Month was a Variable One and There Have Been Both Warm and Cold Days.

During the past month of November there has been a variety of weather. At times the temperature has been so high that some days were almost like spring and others have been so extremely cold. The warmest day of the month was the 4th, when the maximum temperature was 71 degrees. The coldest day was today, when the temperature this morning was 11 degrees, one degree colder than yesterday morning. Last year the highest temperature in the month of November was 75 degrees on the 17th and the lowest temperature of the month was six degrees on the 13th.

During the past month there have been 10 days when .01 of an inch or more of rain fell and the total precipitation was 4.57 inches over 2.81 inches in the same month last year. The heavy rainfall of the month was greatly needed. The grass and pastures were so dried that it was feared some of the grass would die entirely, but the rains have given it a fresh start and made the grass stronger to bear the winter weather.

There have been 10 cloudy, 4 partly and 16 clear days in the month.

Funeral Sunday.

The funeral of the late Samuel Miller was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the church in the Garver settlement northeast of the city. The interment was at the Garver cemetery

A Zip

It is given out on the authority of a Chicago paper that Governor Tanner has fixed upon January 11 as the date for the assembling of the Illinois legislature in special session.

HANGED HIMSELF

But was Cut Down Before the Desired Death Came to Relieve His Remorse.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN JAIL

John Keilbach, the Horse Thief, Tried to Take His Life but Failed—Remorse was the Cause of His Act.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

John Keilbach, the man who was arrested yesterday for stealing a horse from a farmer near Illiopolis, attempted to commit suicide in the county jail early this morning by hanging himself to the cell door. He would have accomplished his purpose if it had not been for the fact that one of the prisoners, Hiram Mason, was aroused and cut the man down before he died.

Keilbach was locked in the north cell on the east side of the jail. At night all of the prisoners in the east corridor of the jail are locked in the cells excepting Mason, who sleeps in the corridor. About 3 o'clock this morning Mason was aroused by the sound of hard breathing and at once made an investigation. He found Keilbach hanging by his shirt to the top of the cell door on the inside of the cell. Mason had a small penknife in his pocket and with this in his hand he reached through the iron bars of the cell door and cut the man down. Keilbach fell back on the floor exhausted. A few moments more and he would have undoubtedly been dead. Deputy Sheriff Sam Stabler was called and the cell was opened. Keilbach had nothing to say and laid down on his bed and slept.

The man had taken off his shirt and tied it securely to the top of his cell door. His red handkerchief he tore in the center to make it longer and then twisted it and tied it around his neck and fastened it to one of the sleeves of the shirt. Keilbach is quite a tall man and his feet touched the ground after he had fastened the handkerchief. In order that he might hang himself he drew up his feet and then hung by his neck. He was in this position when found by Mason and the latter says that his neck was pretty badly stretched.

Keilbach has not spoken since his attempt to kill himself excepting to ask what had become of the horse that he was arrested for stealing. Today he still had the handkerchief around his neck and stayed in his cell most of the time. When he did show his face the other prisoners guyed him unmercifully and he seemed to feel ashamed of his act.

The officers think that the remorse of his arrest caused him to attempt to take his life. They think it was his first criminal offense and the prisoners say that he did not act like a man who had ever been in jail before. Keilbach was arrested at the Jenning's barn yesterday for stealing and confessed to Marshal Mason that he was guilty. He took a horse from the Shaffer farm near Illiopolis and brought it to Decatur and was making an attempt to sell the animal when arrested. He waived examination yesterday and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. He has been through the country shucking corn and the officers do not think that he is a hardened criminal.

List of Patents.

Granted to Illinois inventors this week Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., patent attorneys, Washington, D. C.:

G. A. Colton, Wilmette, lamp bracket or holder; W. J. Deming, Murphysborough, insect exterminating compound; P. Farwell, Frederick, sliding door fastener; W. D. Hervey, Chenoa, tube cutter and expander; M. Kane, Austin, mowing machine; N. Nelson, Waukegan, kinetographic camera; J. H. Poulter, Newman, churn; J. A. Pugh, Waverly, cuff holder; S. D Reynolds, De Kalb, spring wagon gear; N. B. Wilcer, Prophetstown, one tip fastener; F. S. Youngman, Dixon, support for bicycle shades For copy of any of the above patents send 10 cents in post age stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

Decided a Suit.

Saturday afternoon Judge Vail decided the case of Chew Bros. vs. Jacob L Smith. The latter was sued by the Chew Bros., well diggers, for $23, claimed due them for services The costs in the case were over $100 and Mr. Smith is to pay the bill and the Chew Bros. must pay the costs.

Births.

Born, To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Wood, of 735 North Monroe street, on Sunday, November 28, a son.

Born, To Mr and Mrs. O. D. Munfell, of 549 East William street, on November 28, a son.

Born, To Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Park, No. 615 West North street, on November 30, a daughter.

Dry Goods Department.

Unusual bargains in shoes at Powers' shoe store, 355 North Water street. Children's box calf shoes, good soles, sizes 8 to 8, 50 cents. Sizes 8½ to 10, 60 cents. Sizes 11 to 2, 65 cents. Misses' splendid kid button and lace shoes, pat. trimmed and stylish, at 98 cents; ladies of the same, $1.—27-o&w1w

HORSE THIEF CAPTURED.

John Keilbach, Who Stole a Horse from John Shaffer's Farm Near Indianapolis was Arrested.

From the Daily of Monday.

John Keilback, a horse thief, was arrested in this city this morning. He stole a horse last night from John Shaffer, living three miles northeast of Illiopolis. He entered the barn and took the horse and rode it to the farm of J. G. Leonard, six miles west of the city, on the Springfield road. Keilback tied the horse to a fence and asked Mr. Leonard to allow him to sleep at the house over night, saying that he had walked from Illiopolis and wanted to find a job shucking corn. He was allowed to pass the night in the house. In the morning Mr. Leonard saw the horse tied to the fence and asked Keilbach if the animal bleonged to him. Keilbach would not claim the horse but Leonard insisted that he had brought it there and finally Keilbach rode the horse toward Decatur. Leonard came to the city and reported the matter to Marshal Mason. Amos Imboden discovered thief at Jenning's barn on West Wood street and with Officer Williamson arrested the man. It proved to be the same man who had visited the Leonard place. Marshal Mason had a talk with Kielbach and he confessed the theft and told the whole story. This morning Sheriff Nicholson received a telephone message from Illiopolis reporting the theft from the Shaffer barn and Mr. Shaffer was at once notified of the capture of the horse and man. Keilbach was taken before a justice of the peace and waived examination. He was bound over to await the action of the grand jury and went back to jail.

CHILD DIED SUDDENLY.

An Inquest Held Over the Body of the Child of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Salogga.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

Charles, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Sallogga, died suddenly without medical attention this morning at 6:45 o'clock at the family home, No. 1520 North Charles street.

The parents of the child discovered that the little one was ill this morning and made an effort to relieve him. Dr. H. D. Hell was called but before he arrived the child was dead. The parents had done everything in their power for the child but he died after being ill not more than two hours. Dr. Hell pronounced the child's death due to congestion of the brain.

Coroner Bendure was notified of the death and as the child had died before receiving attention from a physician it was necessary to hold an inquest At the residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure held the inquest

PRISONERS ARE SCARCE

There are Now Only About Twenty Men in the County Jail in This City.

The prisoners at the county jail are thining out rapidly. There are now only about 20 men in the jail and there have been as high as 65 men in the jail at one time. Many of the prisoners who were in the jail have been taken to the penitentiary and disposed of in other ways.

Sheriff Nicholson says that he does not think there are as many tramps and bums now as usual He says that there is now not more than one tramp where there were five a year ago. The sheriff says that he cannot account for this fact unless it is that the tramps are working another part of the country.

Harristown Epworth League

At the organization of the Epworth League at Harristown Sunday evening, an account of which is given on another page, the following officers were elected:

President—Frank Housman.

First Vice President—Myrtle Knight.

Second Vice President—Etta Cooper.

Third Vice President—Lee Davis.

Social Secretary—Minnie Jacobs.

Corresponding Secretary—Dr. Henry Newkirk.

Treasurer—Alice Downs.

Organist—Mattie Gouge.

Grace M. E. church will in the near future have a chorus choir. Sherman McClelland will be the leader.

The Sunday school of the Grace M. E church will give an art exhibit and musical on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week at the church.

The C. A. Ewing Estate.

In the county court Harry L. Oldham, administrator of the estate of the late Charles A. Ewing, filed his report, which was approved. The report shows that there has come into the hands of the administrator the sum of $12,658.24 and that he has paid out the sum of $11,727.93, leaving a balance in his hands of $930.30. This sum he says will be required to pay commissions and expenses, court costs, etc The report says that there has been presented for approval claims aggregating $15,399 63 and that to his knowledge there still remain just claims aggregating $12,000.

Will be Here Saturday.

The iron work of the Maffit bridge will be shipped from the factory on next Saturday or Monday and the workmen will then finish the iron work of the bridge. It will take about a week to complete the bridge after the iron arrives. The work on the Maffit bridge would have been done long since if it had not been on account of the delay caused by the iron not arriving sooner.

Taken to Kankakee.

Sheriff Nicholson left Monday for Kankakee having in charge William Glover, who was recently declared insane by a jury in the circuit court and who will be placed in the asylum

WILL NOT BROKEN.

Judge Hammer Gave His Opinion in the Collins Case This Morning.

POLLY COLLINS GETS ONE DOLLAR

Objection Set Aside and Will Probated—Kretzer Tells His Story on the Witness Stand—Other Court Matters.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

This morning Judge Hammer gave his decision in the Collins will case. He decided to set aside the objection of William Collins, better known as "Polly" Collins, and admitted the will to probate. William Collins objected to the will because his father, the late Seth B. Collins, left him but $1, while the balance of the estate was bequeathed to two other sons.

The will of Seth Collins provided for the disposition of property valued at about $10,000. The amount of $800 is to be left in trust for an educational fund for the younger son, Roscoe A. Collins and the balance of the estate is to be divided equally between Roscoe Collins and Dr. O. G. Collins, the other son. To "Polly" Collins only $1 was left. When the will was filed for probate "Polly" Collins, represented by Attorney C. C. Leforgee, objected to its being probated and wanted to break the will. A plea was entered on the grounds that the late Seth Collins was insane when the will was made. Attorney Frank Ewing represented Dr. O. G. Collins and made a winning fight in the case. Judge Hammer took the matter under advisement and gave his opinion this morning. It is possible that the matter may come up later in the circuit court.

Kretzer Testifies.

Judge Vail's attention in the circuit court today was occupied in hearing the Kretzer-Connelly case. Yesterday afternoon the jurymen were examined and the arguments made and this morning the evidence was introduced. Kretzer, who is bringing suit against Dr. Connelly for alienation of his wife's affections, was put on the witness stand and told the story of his wife's connections with Dr. Connelly. He was on the stand during the entire forenoon. He told of attentions shown his wife by Connelly and of presents given her and of the actions of the two at different times. There were a large number of spectators in the court room who were interested in the progress of the case.

The jury selected yesterday from the new jurymen who appeared for service was composed of the following: C. D. Sterns, J F. Trimmer, N. C. Bricker, W. R. Crossman, Clinton Bromley, H. E. Peverly, J. S Tait, C. C. Cochran, James Shaddock, Elmer Reedy, Seymour Ritchie and James Shepperd. Nelson & Whitley and Attorney W. E. Redmon are appearing for Kretzer and Attorneys Leforgee & Lee and David Hutchinson are conducting the case for Connelly.

The case will probably be on progress for several days if all the witnesses who have been subpoenaed give testimony. The witnesses who have been called for the defendant are Logan Jacobs, Cyrus Gassett, George W. Cooper, C. A. Towne, F. P. Towne, Madison Bradshaw, Charles Masters, John Bradshaw, H. G. and George Lancaster and William Blower.

The witnesses for the plaintiff are Thomas Tolan, John Trump, William Taggart, C. M. Taylor, Logan Jacobs, William Ryan, Charles Stevens, John Cooper, George Cooper, Amos Lane, Mr. and Mrs. William E Gouge, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Beer, John Whitehead, Daniel Stookey, J. B. Camp, Frank Towne and Oliver Cooper.

Will Probated.

The will of the late Mrs. Mary A. Goodman was probated today in the county court. The real estate is valued at $2500 and the personal property at $2700 The testatrix bequeathed to her two daughters, Harriet A. and Ada Capitola Goodman, each $500, provided they are not married at the time of her death and $300 if they are married. To another daughter, Mrs. Clara E Seiberling of Peoria is bequeathed $300. The residue of the estate is to be divided equally between the five children, Misses Harriet and Capitola Goodman, Mrs. Seiberling, Charles R. Goodman of Sterling, Ill., and Jacob E. Goodman of Chicago, and the grandson, Charles G Rawling of Albany, Oregon. The use of the home place at 1219 North Edward street is given to the two unmarried daughters free of charge for the next two years, after which time it is to be sold and divided between the children. Harriet and Capitola Goodman are named as executrix of the estate and are not required to give bond.

Deed of Trust.

In the office of the circuit clerk today there was filed a deed of trust whereby William A. Barnes transfers to Albert Barnes, trustee, real estate in Macon, Piatt and Moultrie counties.

Sales of Real Estate.

Diah E. Duncan to David F. Biddell, lot 1 of G. W. Hanley's addition of out lots to Decatur; $428.

Charles M Barnes and others to William A. Barnes, quit claim deed to the north half of 31, 18, 3 east, situated in Macon county; and the northwest quarter of 26, and the northwest quarter of 33, both in 16, 5 east, situated in Piatt county.

Decision Later.

Today in the circuit court Judge Vail announced that he would give his decision in the foreclosure case of Stringer vs. Walton at a later date. He still has the matter under advisement.

Marriage Licenses.

George C. Pickee, Illiopolis, 32, Miss Sallie A. Stout, Macon, 32

Final Year Ends.

Today was the last day of the fiscal year for the county and the officers were busy making out reports and balancing accounts.

CHURCH WEDDING.

Marriage of Miss Keefe and Mr. Felt This Afternoon at St. Patrick's.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon at St. Patrick's Catholic church occurred the marriage of Miss Sarah Josephine Keefe, daughter of Alderman and Mrs. James Keefe, and Charles Felt of Fitzgerald, Ga. The attendants were Miss Grace Meyers and Attorney Charles Borchers. The bride was dressed in a dark brown traveling dress with hat and gloves to match and carried bride's roses. Miss Meyers wore dark blue and carried carnations. The groom and attendant wore black. Mr. and Mrs. Felt will leave tonight for Chicago where they will visit with the parents of Mr. Felt for a few days and from there will go south visiting historical points and places of interest before going to their home at Fitzgerald, Ga., where Mr. Felt is engaged extensively in the nursery business and is also county assessor. On account of these duties of Mr Felt they will remain at Fitzgerald until his term expires on the 1st of next June and will then remove to Hartford, Conn., for a permanent residence, Mr. Felt being the owner of a large peach and fruit farm at that place.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents on St Louis avenue, where the intimate friends and relatives of the family were received and a wedding dinner served. Many handsome presents were received, among them a check for $100, a gift from the father of the bride.

FLOURISHED A GUN

And Made a Bluff but He Paid the Money to the Constable Just the Same.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

Constable Justin of Long Creek had an unpleasant time this afternoon while levying on some goods. He held a farm claim against Mrs. Nettie Bump and Joe Reynolds. The claims were sent here and the constable ordered to levy on any goods which were held by those against whom the claim was issued. The constable went to the residence of Mrs. Bump in the southern part of the city and took two drays to take away the goods. Mrs. Bump's husband came home and flourished a revolver, making threats to the constable if he attempted to seize the goods. Justin then felt some fear and he appledd to the police for help. Officer Somerville went to the Bump residence with the constable and notified them that there must be no more guns flashed. Bump was bluffing, however, as he soon after produced the money and paid it to the constable, liquidating the claim.

WORK OF A CHURCH COMMITTEE

Sit in Judgment in the Rev. D. T. Black Case from Latham.

The case of insubordination against Rev. D. T. Black, assigned by the bishop at the late session of the Illinois conference at Rushville to the pastorate of the Methodist church at Latham, in the Decatur district, came up in Decatur at the First M. E. church Monday, before the committee appointed to investigate the matter. The committee comprised Rev. W F. Gillmore, Rev. J. H. Jeffers, Rev. Frost Craft, Rev. W. A. Reynolds and Rev. A. M. Dandy. It appears that Rev. Mr Black, who desired to go into evangelistic work, refused to take the Latham assignment, thus failing to obey the bishop's order. The committee, which was appointed by Rev. E. B Randle, the presiding elder, decided that Mr. Black was excusable for the course he pursued and recommended that the presiding elder make a report to that effect at the next session of the conference.

A Surprise Near Cerro Gordo.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. S Groff, two miles southwest of Cerro Gordo on Monday evening, November 29, occurred a very pleasant surprise in honor of their daughter, Miss Altie, it being her 18th birthday. All were enjoying a splendid social time in the parlor and sitting room when it was announced that refreshments were ready, consisting of oysters, peaches, cake and candy. They were about 50 persons present, besides children from the vicinity of Cerro Gordo and La Place. She was the recipient of many beautiful presents given by friends and relatives. The evening was spent in social enjoyment until a late hour, returning to their respective homes wishing Miss Altie many happy returns.

A Guest.

Religious News.

The revival meetings at the M. E. church at Mt. Zion will continue for an indefinite period in charge of Rev. A M. Dandy. Services each evening at 7:30.

Coal Fell on Him.

Fred Derlitski, a miner living on North Charles street, was injured Saturday afternoon while working in the new shaft. A piece of falling coal struck him on the back and bruised him severely.

COUNTY RECEIPTS.

And Expenses for the Fiscal Year Which Came to an End on Nov. 30.

REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER

Shows that $94,487.38 was Received by the County and $70,500 was Paid Out—Sparrow Law Takes Effect To-Day.

The accounts of the county treasurer's office for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1897, are practically finished and will be submitted in detail to the county board at the next regular meeting The following items are of interest as showing the running expenses of the county.

The total receipts for the year charged to the county funds including taxes were $94,487.38. The total expenditures therefrom in round numbers were $70,500.

The expenditures include the following items:

Amount paid on county orders	$56,975
Amount paid on sparrow orders	830
County clerk's certificates	2,405
Circuit clerk's certificates	9,125
Coroner's juries	295
Circuit judge's certificates	845

The last item includes the salary of the court stenographer and the expense of foreign witnesses. The county clerk's certificates includes the fees of jurors in the county court. The item of circuit clerk's certificates includes the fees of circuit court jurors and the grand juror's fees.

The Sparrow Law.

This morning County Treasurer Patterson had on hand a large amount of small change as today the sparrow law takes effect and he expected to be called upon to cash orders. The law whereby the county pays two cents for every sparrow head takes effect today and will be in force for three months. The sparrow heads are taken to the office of the city clerk, where they are counted. The city clerk gives a certificate which is presented to the county clerk who in turn gives the holder an order on the county treasurer. Mr. Patterson says that already there has been a number of inquiries as to how soon the law would take effect and he is prepared to cash in any orders which may come. Last year over $800 was paid out on sparrow orders as high as $15 or $20 being paid out in one day. This money goes almost entirely to small boys. The law has been a good thing in many cases as it has helped poor boys who would otherwise not have been able to have earned the money.

Funeral of Robert Taggart.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

The funeral of the late Robert Taggart, who died Monday at Battle Creek, Mich., was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church, the pastor, Rev. W. R Penhallegon, officiating The services were in charge of the Knights Templar and were largely attended. There were many floral offerings.

The Knights Templar escorted the remains from the residence on North Morgan street to the church. Rev Penhallegon preached a funeral sermon in which he referred to the exemplary life and character of the deceased. The music was rendered by a choir composed of Mrs. Elizabeth K. Bunn, Mrs. Beat Gber, D. L. Bunn and Troy Alexander, Miss Edna Bunn playing the accompaniments. They sang a responsive funeral chant service, in which both the minister and choir took part. The hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung and during the ritual conducted by the Knights Templar which followed the services by Rev. Penhallegon, the hymn "Precious in the Light of Heaven" was given. As the body was leaving the church the choir sang "Softly, Sadly, Bear Him Forth"

The burial was at Greenwood cemetery. The remains were escorted by the Knights Templar and the funeral cortege was headed by Goodman's band The pall bearers were selected from the members of the Knights Templar and were as follows: B. Z. Taylor, W. R. Scruggs, D. B. Hellman, M. F. Metz, D. A. Maffit and Peter Loeb.

Will Probated.

The will of the late Dr. William A. Barnes, which was filed in the probate court about a month ago, was probated today. Albert Barnes is the executor.

A new furnace has been put into the high school building at Chatsworth.

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There should be no more probability of Foraker's friends in the legislature antagonizing Hanna for the senate than there was of Hanna's friends antagonizing Foraker under similar circumstances. Any such course is inconceivable for honest men.

The revised count in Ohio shows that the Republicans have a majority of 15 on joint ballot in the legislature. Perhaps there is something the matter with Hanna, but the chances are it is still safe to exclaim: "What's the matter with Hanna?"

The yarn that Governor Bushnell would accept and was even scheming to secure, the senatorship for himself, by means of a combination nine parts Democratic and one part anti-Hanna Republican, seems to have been abandoned. That was found to be too rank for the credulity of even the present excited buckeye era.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, is opposed to the annexation of Hawaii because it is so far removed from our coast line, so he says; but the same Jones is in favor of coining 40 cent silver dollars under free coinage regardless of the fact that the proposition is a good deal farther from common honesty than Hawaii is from our coast line.

An Austrian advocates an alliance of European nations against American competition in trade. This raises the question: What has become of the markets of the world we have been advised to seek when the world kicks because it cannot come into Uncle Sam's domain and trade without being taxed for the privilege. The easiest way for Europe to force free trade in the United States is to raise the price of labor instead of depending on the Democratic party.

Mr. Bryan now says he is in favor of the greenbacks already issued, which is simply the croaking of a trimmer. He has no conception of the fact that conditions change. Because the country once had free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, he claims, though the ratio between the two metals had changed continuously up to that time, that the coinage ratio should always remain at 16 to 1. If there had been no war there would have been no greenbacks, yet Bryan would continue them forever.

Chicago Times-Herald: Mr. Hanna was named by the Republican state convention as the party's choice for United States senator He became the one issue in the campaign that followed. He was the object of personal abuse and malignant slander. The free silverites dropped the silver issue entirely and turned their mud batteries upon the chairman of the national committee. It was a close call, but Mr. Hanna has a clear majority in the assembly on joint ballot. To seek to stir up factional antagonism against him at this time with the hope of preventing his election to the senate is the basest ingratitude.

The Search for Andree.

Chicago Inter Ocean: The utter failure to find any traces of Prof Andree and his balloon can occasion no rational surprise. The path of arctic exploration by land and water, or snow and ice, rather is somewhat definite, and a searching party would know where to go, but searching for a traveler whose route was aerial is like trying to follow the sky tracks made by the wings of a bird. The scientists who encouraged an expedition so in conflict with common sense, and there were some such, would do well to recognize the limitations of human possibility. Life sacrificed in a heroic effort, whatever the field, is a grand success, whatever the incidental failure may have been, but it is painful to see a life thrown away in a crazy venture

The Special Session.

The meeting of Republican members of the legislature decided Tuesday that a special session of the legislature of Illinois is desirable to reapportion the state and to pass a revenue law. The present senatorial apportionment is a gerrymander enacted by the Democrats in 1893 and its operation is that the Republicans might not carry the legislature though the party majority should be 60,000 in the state This is clearly unjust and shows the apportionment of 1893 to be outrageously unjust. Such a gerrymander was never before attempted in Illinois. The senators elected next fall will vote for the successor of Senator Cullom in 1901, hence the coming election will bear upon the election of a United States senator so far as the state senators elected next year are concerned and the duty of the Republicans touching the correction of the Democratic gerrymander is plain. An attempt was made at the late session of the legislature to redistrict the state, but it failed for want of unity of action. Some little captains who imagine themselves the conservators of the Republican party interfered with the legislature when it was attempting the task of redistricting the state and the cause of the failure to redistrict and the necessity for an extraordinary session is due to this interference. It is not known to what extent these pestiferous people will interfere in the special session, but it is safe to predict that if they do the object of the session will fail again, or the effect will be visited upon the party at the polls. The legislature should be left alone It should have full swing in the matter of redistricting. In that case the legislature will perform the task without fear or favor in the best interests of the party, having due respect for fairness to all. The main difficulty has been that there are persons who seek to succeed Senator Cullom and these have sought to dictate the redistricting of the senatorial districts to give them an advantage. All that Senator Cullom asks is that the Republicans redistrict the state, in an honorable way. He does not seek to dictate how the districts shall be formed and for that reason will not interfere with the work of the legislature and this fact put him in position to have more influence than any one in securing an expression favorable to a special session for the objects named. The chances are that in case a special session is called the senator will spend some time in Springfield seeing that the fellows who are inclined to overrun his preserves shall not carry away his fences.

Dingley Tariff Vindicated.

The Republican members of congress, when they come together for the regular session which begins on the first Monday of next month, will have no occasion to regret their action in the enactment, at the recent session, of the Dingley tariff law. The doleful predictions which were made by the Democrats about the prospective operations of the Republican tariff measure which was enacted at the special session a few months ago are not being realized. On the contrary, the four months in which it has been tested have proven that the Republicans made no mistake in their action with reference to this measure. Its earnings in the four months in which it has been in operation are many millions in excess of those of the corresponding months in the history of the Wilson law and are sufficient to fully justify the belief of the Republicans that it will, when normal conditions are resumed, prove ample in its qualities as a revenue producer and in its effect upon our commerce. The receipts of the treasury during the first four months of the operation of the law will amount in round numbers, to $90,000,000, while the Wilson law in its first four months earned about $68,000,000 When it is considered that the Wilson law had the benefit of enormous importations which had been held back in order to get the advantage of the lower tariff rates which it gave, and that the Dingley law labored under the disadvantage of very small importations because of the heavy shipments into the country prior to its enactment, it will be seen that the operations of the new law indicate that it is to be much more successful as a revenue producer than was the Wilson law. The further fact that the receipts have steadily increased and that those of November will be, in round, numbers, $25,000,000 shows that, with the return to normal business conditions and the importations which will follow the absorption of the immense stock which was in hand when the new law went into effect, it is perfectly apparent that it will, within a very short time, be producing all the revenue that the government requires to meet its current expenditures, and a surplus to put into the sinking fund, something which has not been done in any period of the Wilson law. The first November under the Dingley law produced $25,000,000 of revenue, while the first November under the Wilson law produced but $19,411,403 of revenue When it is considered that these satisfactory earnings of the Dingley law are produced without any considerable receipts from sugar, wool, or many others of the revenue-producing articles with which the country had been filled prior to the enactment of the law, it will be seen that when the present stocks of those articles are utilized and the importations resumed there will almost surely be an ample revenue. The customs receipts from sugar alone are expected to run $5,000,000 per month and it is probable that the importations of sugar will begin shortly after the opening of the new year, while importations of wool and other articles of that character will also swell the receipts materially.

EXPORTATIONS INCREASED.

Another very gratifying feature of the developments under the new law relates to its effect upon our commerce with other countries The opponents of the bill asserted, it will be remembered, during its discussion, that the adoption of a protective tariff would disturb our trade relations abroad and result in the exclusion of our goods from foreign countries. The fact that a dozen or more of the leading nations of the world entered protests in one form or another against the bill while it was under consideration by congress was paraded as an evidence that its enactment would injure our relations with those countries and result in an exclusion of our products from other ports. This prediction, however, has not proven true. On the contrary, an examination of the records of our commerce since the new law went into effect shows that in the face of nearly every country thus protesting our sales have increased under the Dingley law instead of decreasing as was predicted by the opponents of that measure. Austria-Hungary, which was one of the first countries to offer protests against the new law, has bought from us nearly twice as much in the first two months of its operations as she did in the corresponding months of last year. Belgium, which also entered protest against the new law, bought over $11,000,000 worth of our products in August and September under the Dingley law, while she bought but a little over $5,000 000 worth in August and September of 1896 under the Wilson law. France, which also protested against certain features of the bill, bought $6,989,631 in value from us in September, 1896, under the Wilson law, and took $14,950,000 worth from us in the same month of 1897 under the Dingley law. Germany, whose protest was much talked of when its attention was brought to the public, bought nearly $20,000,000 of our goods in August and September of 1897 under the Dingley law, while her purchases in August and September, 1896, were only a trifle over $15,000,000. Italy increased her purchases from us nearly 50 per cent in August and September as compared with the corresponding months of 1896. Turkey, which also protested, followed that action by purchasing six times as much from us in the first two months of the new law as she did in the corresponding months of last year Even Japan, which had made such violent protests against certain features of the new law, increased her purchases of American goods materially in August and September under its operation as compared with August and September of 1896; while Great Britain, also one of the protesting countries, increased her purchases nearly $6,000,000 in August and September, 1897, as compared with the corresponding months of 1896. Taking the 13 countries which offered protests against the Dingley law, and comparing their purchases from the United States in the first two months of its operation with the corresponding months of the preceding year, it is found that the purchases from us under the new law were nearly $25,000,000 greater than in the corresponding months of last year under the old law.

IMPORTATIONS GROW LESS.

On the other hand, the operations of the new law seem to have been just what was intended in the matter of keeping down importations of foreign products. The August and September importations from the 13 countries in question were $44,618,583 under the Dingley law, and $59,545,404 in the corresponding months of last year under the Wilson law.

Another feature of the operations of the new law which will prove equally gratifying is its prospective work in the matter of reciprocity. No feature of the Wilson law proved as unsatisfactory to the people of the United States as that paragraph which destroyed the reciprocity treaties which were put into operation under the provisions of the McKinley law. They were, it will be remembered, absolutely wiped out of existence by the Wilson law. The Dingley law, when it was enacted, gave authority to make new reciprocity arrangements giving a much larger number of articles upon which reciprocity treaties could be based. This feature of the law has been promptly taken up by the administration, a special commissioner appointed to negotiate reciprocity treaties, and the work has already so far progressed as to make it quite apparent that the reciprocity features of the new law are going to be extremely successful and prove very gratifying, not only to the framers of the law, but to the friends of the reciprocity proposition all over the country.

Thus congress, when it meets to begin its regular long session, will have ample cause to be gratified with the workings of the tariff law which it passed at the special session ending four months ago.

NIGHT AT THE BIG STORE.

Linn & Scruggs Receive and Entertain a Throng of People—Holiday Goods.

From the Daily of Saturday.

From 8 to 11 o'clock last evening the immense department store of Linn & Scruggs was filled with crowds of interested parents and smiling and pleased children who called to see the display of holiday goods, toys, fancy dress goods, silks, corsets and many accessories so necessary to the wardrobe of the well dressed woman of the month of December of the year 1897

The greatest interest centered in the toy department which was made complete by a selection of toys of the latest ideas and contrivances The little girls hovered in anticipation around the counters which was displayed with dolls of all sizes, color and nationality. Dolls in fancy evening dress, in street dress, mamma dolls in house wrappers and baby dolls obediently going to sleep in their nightdresses in beds and cradles and some taking the preliminary bath in tiny bath tubs of polished tin. A complete assortment of doll's furnishing goods is also carried from the stylish street hat to the tiny shoes and stockings. The boys showed their preference for the iron toys of which a selection containing many new and elegant ideas were shown. In mechanical toys the race horses, yachts, steamboats, man of war, the American defenders and Japanese ships suggest instructive and useful presents.

There was never a greater variety of useful and entertaining games than is shown this season and they are of equal interest to the parents. Pillow dox, the war in Cuba, the wide world postoffice are some of the newest introduced and all are practical, instructive and amusing. In the lighter mechanical toys, the flying birds, running animals and the roaming toys which consist of dogs, cats, pigs, alligators, mice and other pets dear to children received flattering attention. There is also a complete line of holiday books from the works of the best authors and the Oxford bible at 98 cents.

The Santa Claus stable, with the reindeer busily eating hay and preparing for their long trip in the distribution of the great sled load of toys ready for the start and Santa Claus himself in charge of the postoffice, which he has established and which will open on December 1, was a most characteristic and happy feature and a delightful assurance of his intentions toward the good boys and girls of Decatur

The opera house orchestra was stationed on the first floor and played throughout the entire evening. Silks, dress goods, gloves, corsets and gentlemen's furnishing goods were shown on this floor arranged in an artistic manner and the interest shown in this display forshadowed a depletion of the purses of the husbands, brothers and fathers of the fair sex in the near future.

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A BAD BEAN.

An All-Round Crook in the County Jail Wanted at Many Points.

From the Daily of Saturday.

When J. H. Bean, now in the Macon county jail serving a two years' sentence, walks out of the jail door on the 4th of next February he will be taken in custody by a United States marshal from Springfield and sent to Williamsburg, Ky., where in a district court he will face a charge of using the United States mail for fraudulent purposes. If he lives to serve out this sentence there will be officers ready to take him to Ohio or Indiana. Bean has got a good deal ahead of him in the way of answering charges. A letter to Sheriff Nicholson from United States Marshal C. P. Hitch says that they will be over here for Bean on the 4th of February.

It will be remembered that Bean was arrested at the instigation of Henry Tincher, the nursery man, who was assisted in the prosecution by Young Bros & Maris, whom Bean bilked out of large bill of goods. He bought of Tincher $400 worth of trees, giving payment on a bank at Bradford, Ill. It developed that there was no bank there The trees were shipped away and disposed of. The same means were employed in getting the goods from Young Bros. & Maris. Bean was sentenced by the September term of the circuit court to the county jail for two years on two counts to which he pleaded guilty. He is wanted by G. A. Denham, of the Williamsburg bank at that place in Kentucky, for about the same kind of a scheme in which the bank lost money. In Ohio he represented to a firm that he had a job lot of bicycles and would sell them at a great reduction. The deal was closed and Bean wrote the firm asking for an advance of money sufficient to defray the express bill. The money was sent but the bicycles never came. Bean seems to be an all around crook. In Indiana a young girl would like to get the law on his shoulders. She has written letters to the county officials here a number of times. It would seem that there might be many more places where he is wanted from the manner in which his misdeeds are coming to light. He will know little or no liberty as it will be a case of from the frying pan into the fire.

MAY GET OUT OF JAIL.

Evidence Under Writ of Habeas Corpus Before Judge Vail.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Early in the present month George Curtis and Clyde Fletcher, two boys, came to Decatur from Champaign, having in their possession dice and other gambling devices. They were arrested by the police and have since been in jail. They want to get out of prison, and their attorney, Wilson Woodford, last evening asked Judge Vail for a hearing under writ of habeas corpus. The prayer was granted and today Sheriff Nicholson will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any he has, why he holds the two boys prisoners. In their application for the writ the petitioners recite that early in November they were arrested by the police of Decatur and that in spite of the fact that no charge was preferred against them they were held several days without a hearing and that after four days there was filed against them in the county court an information charging them with having in their possession gambling devices. They related further that they have not been granted a hearing and want a ruling of the circuit court on the question if they are legally held as prisoners The information on which they are held charges that at the time of their arrest they "did unlawfully have in their possession dice, then and there, implements such as are used in gambling with the intent then and there of permitting said dice to be used for gain," and they complain that they have not been served with the capias which was issued against them when the information was filed.

In his petition Attorney Woodford has declared that there is no such offense under the statutes as is charged in the information and that the prisoners cannot therefore be legally held. Judge Vail looked over the statutes and held that there was grounds for the hearing of the petition. Attorney Woodford says that the section of the statute under which there is an effort to bring this prosecution is that which provides a penalty for keeping gambling devices in a room for gambling purposes. The petition declares that the prisoners are held merely because "they are suspected of having committed a criminal offense, that they are poor and have no money to pay the costs of this proceeding"

Some of the dice were loaded. The owners could not lose in a crap game If they had been allowed to remain at large they would have reduced all who went up against them into a state of bankruptcy.

MACON.

Miss Emma Bean went to Camp Point Wednesday to make an extended visit with Mrs. Florence Farlow.

Miss Mary Philbrook, of Normal, returned home Wednesday after a visit with her sister, Mrs L. P. Crocker

Alva Brown has sold his milk business to Riley Shaw, who took possession Thursday. Arthur Jump will have charge of the business

There was a concert of national airs at the Presbyterian church Thursday evening, November 21, under the direction of the music committee of the Christian Endeavor

The Random club met Thursday evening with Miss Daisie Potter.

Miss Grace Mack, of St. Louis, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs F L. Hobbs.

The union Thanksgiving services were held in the Methodist church. Elder Llyod Newcomer, of the Christian church preached the sermon and the other pastors of the city assisted in the services.

C. C. Aydelott and wife moved to Clinton last week where Mr. Aydelott has secured work in the I C. Yards.

Misses Pearl Berman and Nellie Crossman returned to their home in Warrensburg Friday after a visit with Mrs. Charles Obanion.

Born, To Walter Shutt and wife, November 17, a son.

Mrs. Lucy Smith and Miss May Berno, of Decatur, spent Sunday with Mrs. Smith's parents, W. F. Miller and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stoutenborough entertained a company of friends on Saturday evening. A musical program was rendered after which refreshments were served. Among those present were Anthony Stoutenborough, Charles Stoutenborough and wife, Schenck Stoutenborough and wife, Misses Agnes and Lillie Compton, Daisy Potter, Mary Barger, Ola Covault, Myrtle Vernon, Jean Smelz, Pearl Stubblefield, S. A. Friedman, D. S Anderson, G. S. Edmonson, John Malone, Jesse Pride, R. E. Persinger, Frank Needham and Mr. Petard, of Decatur, and Miss Lida Vail, of Franklin, Ohio.

Misses Mate Smart and Drusilla Moyer visited friends in Clinton Sunday.

Mrs. Riley Shaw was badly hurt Monday at her home five and one-half miles west of Maroa. A horse in the barn lot became frightened and ran over her, breaking a rib and injuring her internally.

Mr and Mrs George Groves gave a party Saturday evening at their home in the northwest part of town, in honor of Mrs Groves' son, Lewis Richardson Oysters were served. A merry time is reported.

Tobe Richardson returned to Montana on Monday He was accompanied by his brother, Lewis Richardson, who will reside there.

Charles Miller held a shooting match on Wednesday at his father's farm, one mile south of town.

Miss Mary Barger visited Clinton friends over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper, of Decatur, visited W. J. Compton and family on Sunday.

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Alice Baldwin at the Poor Farm.

Alice Baldwin, the Oklahoma character, whom Deputy Sheriff Sam Holmes took from a camp in a cornfield a few days ago, has been sent to the poor farm. She was taken out there today, but she will not stay and the officials know it. She will not stay because she will not work. In a few days Alice will be very tired and back to the old haunts she will go; to a camp in a cornfield where she may freeze to death and where she would rather sleep under a dirty tick in the open air, live on parched horse corn and frozen turnips, purloined from a nearby field than to live in a warm, comfortable house. Such is the woman. When Officer Holmes took her in charge this week she was simply an object of filth. He came upon her unawares while she was crouched over a small fire smoking a clay pipe. The smoke filled her eyes, yet she would not move To his command to get up and come with him she gave out a decided objection. She was placed in the road wagon, nevertheless, with all her camp equipage, which consisted of two tin cans, an old tick and one piece of carpet. She can neither read nor write and says she is 60 years old, when she is but 40. The police easily see her finish. She is frail and cannot withstand the rigors of winter unless she is warmly clothed and housed. Her determination to live as she has can only result in sickness and death

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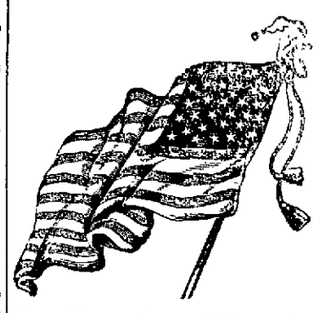

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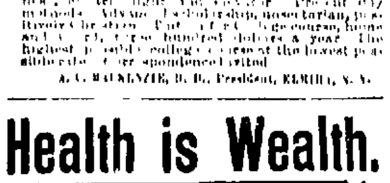

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SPAIN'S PEACE OFFER.

Provisions of Autonomy for Cuba and Porto Rico—Endorsed by the Queen Regent.

Madrid, Nov. 27.—The official Gazette publishes the royal decrees granting autonomy for Cuba and Porto Rico.

Article 1 explains the principles of the future government of the two islands.

Article 2, Decrease of government, each island to be composed of an insular parliament, divided into two chambers, while the governor general, representing the home government, will exercise supreme authority.

Article 3 declares that the faculty of making laws on colonial affairs rests with the insular chambers and the governor general.

Article 4 directs the insular representative, composed of two corporations with equal powers, viz., chamber of representatives and council of administration.

Article 5 provides that the council of administration shall consist of 35 members, of whom 18 shall be elected, 17 nominated by the home government.

Article 6 provides that members of the council of administration must be Spaniards, at least 35 years of age, born on the island or shall have resided there continuously for four years. It specifies numerous officials, such as senators, presidents of courts and chambers of commerce and other bodies as eligible to election to the council.

Articles 7 to 14, inclusive, deal with nominations and conditions of election to councils.

Article 15 empowers the throne or governor general to convoke, suspend or dissolve the chambers, with obligation to reassemble them within three months.

Articles 16 to 28 deal with procedure of chambers and the granting of immunity to members.

Article 29 empowers the insular parliament to receive the governor's oath and make effective the responsibility of secretaries forming the governor's council. The secretaries may be impeached by the chambers in which case they are to be judged by the council of administration. Negotiations for treaties of commerce to be made by the home government, with the assistance of the secretary of the island.

Article 39 confers upon parliament the imposing of customs duty.

Article 40 deals with the commercial relations of the islands with the peninsular, and provides that no import or export tax may differentiate to the prejudice of the productions of either island or peninsula. List to be formed of articles coming from Spain direct, which may be granted favorable treatment in regard to similar articles coming from abroad, and the same to be done for the productions of the islands entering Spain, differential duty in no case to exceed 35 per cent. The remainder of the decree explains the governor general's powers. He will exercise supreme command, be responsible for the preservation of order, have free power to nominate officials and his secretaries; will publish and execute laws and decrees, internal treaties, conventions etc. and have the power of pardoning, suspending constitutional guarantees and ordering a state of siege should the circumstances require.

It Hits the Spot.

When suffering from a severe cold and your throat and lungs feel sore, take a dose of **Foley's Honey and Tar,** when the soreness will be at once relieved, a warm, grateful feeling and healing of the parts affected will be experienced and you will say: "It feels so good. IT HITS THE SPOT." It is guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A two days' shoot is to be held at Chatsworth at live birds and targets next Monday and Tuesday.

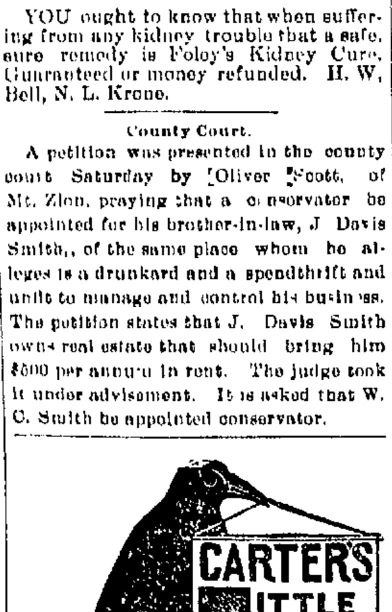
J. M. Thirswond, of Groesbeck, Texas, says that when he has a spell of indigestion, and feels bad and sluggish, he takes two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers at night, and he is all right the next morning. Many thousands of others do the same thing. Do you? H. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Everett Gilman, of Flanagan, aged 14, died last week. His intestines had grown to his backbone and adhered to each other.

YOU ought to know that when suffering from any kidney trouble that a safe, sure remedy is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

County Court.

A petition was presented in the county court Saturday by Oliver Scott, of Mt. Zion, praying that a conservator be appointed for his brother-in-law, J. Davis Smith, of the same place whom he alleges is a drunkard and a spendthrift and unfit to manage and control his business. The petition states that J. Davis Smith owns real estate that should bring him $500 per annum in rent. The judge took it under advisement. It is asked that W. C. Smith be appointed conservator.



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WAGES TO GO UP.

Senator Mark Hanna Makes Glad the Hearts of the Coal Miners—Comments.

ADVANCE TO TAKE EFFECT DEC. 1ST

Does Dora Clay Love Another?—Kansas Rich in Bounteous Crops—Barnum's Circus Arrives in London.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 26.—When shown the telegram from New York announcing that Mark Hanna and other coal operators had decided to advance wages 10 per cent on December 1, Thomas E. Young, general manager of Mr. Hanna's coal mines, said last night:

"There is no truth in the report so far as the bituminous mines are concerned, but I understand it is correct as regards the anthracite region. I have been told the operators in the east will advance the price of mining 10 per cent and that the increase will date from about December 1. The present bituminous scale expires December 31. No one can tell the rate to be paid after that date."

Dora Clay.

Valley View, Ky., Nov. 26.—Another sensational episode in connection with Dora Richardson Clay leaving her husband, General Cassius Marcellus Clay, occurred when Will Bryant, Cleil Richardson's brother-in-law, tried to commit suicide by taking poison in Richardson's house. He was staying with Cleil when Dora came two weeks ago. They have been much in each other's company and the neighbors believe they are in love with each other. Bryant's life was saved by a prompt application of the stomach pump and today Dora has been nursing him back to health.

Bryant refuses to say why he attempted self-destruction and blushes and stammers when asked if it was on account of Dora. Bryant was frequently at Cleil's house when he lived on the general's farm, but one day the general ran Bryant off the place, threatening to shoot him. Bryant is 21 years old, rather a handsome boy and occupies about the same station in life that Dora did before she married the master of Whitehall. His attempt on his life has worried Dora greatly and all day yesterday she was more melancholy than usual.

Big Show in London.

London, Nov. 26.—The Atlantic Transport company's steamship Massachusetts, which left New York on November 12, for London, carrying as a cargo the greater part of Barnum & Bailey's menagerie and circus, arrived off Gravesend, at the mouth of the Thames, yesterday. Except on the first three days she had a smooth passage. A dispatch from Gravesend says that the giraffe died of broken neck on the night of November 14. Four horses, including "Eagle," also succumbed.

Kansas Rich in Crops.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 26.—The Kansas board of agriculture today issued a final bulletin showing the state's crop yield for 1897. The total yield of winter wheat is 50,040,394 bushels, worth $38,798,612, almost 160 per cent more than last year's crop. The corn yield is 152,140,933 bushels, 69,279,421 bushels less than in 1896; its value is $28,555,293. The oats yield is 23,431,273 bushels, an increase of 4,116,591 bushels. Its value is $3,828,192. The spring wheat yield is 986,230 bushels, against 601,523 bushels in 1896. Its value is $586 691. The total value of these crops is $60,768,788, an increase of $15,071,930 over that of last year. Of growing winter wheat, the report says: "The probable total acreage of winter wheat sown the present autumn is about 3,645,000 acres, or an increase over the previous year of 16 per cent. An increase is reported from every county. In spite of an unusually dry fall in much of the state, a large proportion of the wheat, even in those parts has germinated, is growing and promises well.

COST OF THE PLAGUE.

New Orleans Expended $250,000 and the South $1,500,000 Fighting It.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 26.—The yellow fever epidemic cost New Orleans in cash for hospital, quarantine, disinfecting and other expenses not less than $250,000 and the whole south $1,500,000.

Of course the injury to business has been very great and can hardly be computed. It is safe to say that the loss in wages, in closed factories, railroads netted up and depreciated values was between $50,000,000 and $60,000,000, and this for an epidemic which killed 500 people.

The epidemic left its own puzzles behind. The fever was far less severe in type and less contagious than usual. At Ocean Springs, the place where it was first discovered, it died of its own debility even while the mercury ranged in the 80s, something never known before.

The Record of the Fever.

Washington, Nov. 26.—According to the last weekly report issued by the surgeon-general of the Marine hospital service, giving returns to the 19th inst., there had then appeared during the yellow fever epidemic in the south a total of 4289 cases 446 of which proved fatal.

Wabash Deal About Completion.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—It was stated by a Wabash official yesterday that it is now practically settled that the Grand Trunk and the Wabash will enter New York over the tracks of the Ontario and Western.

Sheehan Stricken

New York Nov 27.—John C. Sheehan the Tammany leader was stricken with dizziness in his office today and taken home in a carriage. His condition is alarming.

THORN TO TELL THE TRUTH.

Outline of What He Will Say on the Witness Stand Monday.

New York, Nov. 27.—The following is a statement by Martin Thorn, on trial for the Guldensuppe murder, published in an evening paper: "When I go on the stand Monday morning I will tell a true and complete story of the crime for which I am now being tried for my life. My lawyer has advised me to conceal nothing and with the help of God, I will not. Martin Thorn is just a man, with vices, virtues, like any other; with love life just as strong within him as in any of those who say he sinned because he loved an unworthy woman; loved, shielded, trusted her until he is now in the very shadow of the electric chair; loved her until she swore away his existence, to save her own to save herself from the consequences of her own act—the killing of a man whom she said she feared because of his knowledge of her as to other crimes.

"Augusta Nack planned and accomplished the murder of William Guldensuppe. When I got to Woodside cottage that Saturday morning she met me at the door and said: 'I have got Guldensuppe upstairs. He is dead.' She had shot him in the face and stabbed him in the breast, she said. I was not even in the house at the time, but in the doorway, and she was out of sight of people on the street, half way upstairs. I knew nothing of her purpose that day. She had asked me to come to Woodside. I went there, and when I arrived she told me she had killed Guldensuppe and that all her troubles were over. For a long time I hardly knew what to do. Mrs Nack asked me to help her cut the body up. I hesitated, but could not make up my mind. 'You have got to help me get rid of it,' she said, 'or both of us will get into trouble. All you have got to do is to help.'

"I helped put away the body because I loved the woman. I did not commit the murder. The woman did it."

HOT TIME IN OHIO.

Attempt to Rob the Amherst Bank a Failure—One Robber Shot, Another Caught.

North Amherst, Ohio, Nov. 27.—Burglars early this morning blew open the vault of the Savings Deposit bank, containing $12,000. The noise awakened Henry Wesbecker, who slept in an adjoining store. He telephoned J. E. Plato, one of the owners of the bank. Then arming himself with a shotgun, he fired at one of the burglars, wounding him. This frightened the other three. They retreated, carrying their wounded companion. Plato while coming to the scene met one of the burglars and marched him to jail. The burglars failed to get any money.

Set His Wife on Fire.

Erie, Pa., Nov. 27.—The wife of Antonio Milagno died horribly yesterday. Thanksgiving day Antonio became drunk and went to the cellar to get more liquor. He fell, and his wife went to his assistance with a lamp but he threw a hammer at her head and missed the mark. He then returned upstairs with a can of oil and tar which he threw in his wife's face. In an instant the mixture caught fire from the lamp and she was enveloped in flames. Help arrived in time to prevent her from burning up where she stood. The woman was laid on her bed and when the officers arrived they found Antonio standing over her plucking the cooked flesh from her breast and arms in fiendish glee and cursing like a demon. When he was arrested he raved and had to be subjected to rough treatment before he could be taken to the police station.

Tragedy at a Festival.

Lewes, Del., Nov. 27.—A desperate and fatal fight took place at a colored festival held here Thanksgiving night. Cephus Miller, a Virginia negro, became engaged in a quarrel with John E. Lockwood, a colored resident of Lewes, a comely mulatto woman being the cause of the fight. Miller drew a revolver and fired several shots at Lockwood, one of which pierced his heart, causing almost instant death. Another man was shot through the head. Lockwood's friends immediately attacked Miller with clubs and razors, beating and slashing him until he was unconscious. He was rescued by the town constable and taken to the lockup. The infuriated negroes made several attempts during the night to lynch the murderer, but were prevented by the constable and his deputies. Miller is still unconscious and may die.

A Father's Awful Crime.

Mason, Mich., Nov. 27.—Scott A. Bowdish shot his nine year old daughter last night fatally and then killed himself. The crime was not discovered until this morning. According to the girl her father awakened her during the night, kissed her and asked where her heart was. He felt about her breast till he located the heart, drew a revolver and shot her twice. Then he located his own heart and shot himself dead. Bowdish was hard up and discouraged.

The Pope's Appointments.

Rome, Nov. 27.—The Pope has appointed Rev. P. L. Chapelle, bishop of Santa Fe, N. M., to the archbishopric of New Orleans.

Rev. Father Fitzmaurice, rector of the Church of the Annunciation at Williamsport, Pa., has been appointed coadjutor to the bishop of Erie, Pa.

Bank Statement.

New York, Nov 27.—The weekly bank statement shows that the banks hold $22,560,000 in excess of legal requirements. The surplus reserve decreased $8,147,000.

J. C. Berry, one of the best known citizens of Spencer, Mo., testifies that he cured himself of the worst kind of piles by using a few boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He had been troubled with piles for over thirty years and had used many different kinds of so called cures; but DeWitt's was the one that did the work and he will verify this statement if anyone wishes to write him. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rick, of Gibson City, celebrated the 10th anniversary of their wedding last Monday.

RUMORS OF A FIGHT

British and French Forces Said to Have Had a Conflict in Hinterland.

EXCITEMENT AROUSED IN LONDON

Frenchmen Reported to Have Captured Nikki—British Cannot be Brought to Believe the Story—They Think It Improbable.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—The Frankfort Zeitung's Rome special says a sanguinary conflict has occurred between the French and British troops at Nikki, in Lagos Hinterland.

News at London.

London, Nov. 26.—A rumor has been received at the British colonial office that there has been a collision between the British and French forces at Nikki, which is said to have been captured by the French. The officials at the colonial office, however, regard the report as highly improbable, as they explained that the British police in Hinterland, who are in a very limited number, had strict orders to avoid any collision with the French. It is also understood that the French forces had been instructed not to come in conflict with the British. The British forces in Hinterland, it is further stated, are being reinforced considerably.

London, Nov. 26.—While the accuracy of the reported conflict between the British and French in Lagos Hinterland is doubted, the morning papers today pointed out the imminent danger resulting from the proximity of the two forces in the contested territory. In fact, a conflict has been anticipated for some time, both countries hurrying troops to the disputed territory. This trouble has been of about 80 years' standing. In 1870 France and Great Britain opened negotiations for the settlement of their respective frontiers in West Africa and it was decided in substance that French influence and authority be confined to the north of a certain line and Great Britain have a free hand south of it. The outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war interrupted the negotiations. There was considerable opposition in both countries to the cession of any territory and during the next five years difficulties frequently occurred. It was finally resolved to appoint commissioners to reconsider the whole matter, and as a result, in the course of the next 10 years, four separate agreement were concluded.

SPAIN'S POLICY IN CUBA.

Gen. Lee on Conciliatory Measures Adopted by Blanco.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Consul General Lee has reported on the new policy of Spain in Cuba. In a letter received from him by the state department, he says the liberal and conciliatory measures put in operation by General Blanco are having marked effect. He adds that the condition of the concentrated population has somewhat improved. The tone of the communication is hopeful.

In a conservative manner, the consul general expresses the opinion that as soon as the reforms are put into complete effect the hoped-for pacification will show itself in a more pronounced degree. Some time must elapse, the report states, before it will be possible to judge fairly of the results of the new policy. The information and the influence of the new order of things will travel slowly through the insurrectionary district, the consul general explains. It is apparent from General Lee's comments that he is doing his part to impress both the Spanish and the Cubans with the desire of the administration to aid Spain in bringing about peace through autonomy.

STOOKEY FOUND DEAD.

Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Meets with a Fatal Accident.

St. Louis, Nov. 26.—Mat G. Stookey, of Belleville, Ill, deputy district internal revenue collector, one of the best known men in Southern Illinois, was found dead under a trestle over a creek near Columbia, Ill., this morning. It is supposed he fell off a train, but much mystery surrounds the case.

(The deceased was a cousin of Daniel Stookey, of Harristown, and of Mrs. S. M. Lutz, this city.—Ed.)

There is no need of little children being tortured by scald head, eczema and skin eruptions. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve gives instant relief and cures permanently. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

J. Shinneman, of DeWitt, has put $1000 into a telephone company to be known as the DeWitt Telephone company.

Lynching in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 27.—Hicks Price, a negro charged with rape, was taken from the jail at Starks last night by a mob and hanged. Fifty shots were fired into the body.

You Can't Afford to Chance It.

A heavy cold may lead to pneumonia or consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar taken in time affords perfect security from serious results. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Life at Sea.

London, Nov 27.—The Welch steamer La Barriere foundered off Trevose Head, the result of a collision with an unknown vessel. The crew landed at Cardiff after having been in an open boat for 24 hours.

FAMINE IN MONTE CRISTO.

Stampede of Men, Women and Children Through Deep Snow.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 27.—Famine threatens the people of Monte Cristo, until last week a thriving town of 500 happy prosperous people at the terminus of the Everet and Monte Cristo railroad. Here are located the famous Mystery and Pride gold mines and concentrators, owned by John R. Rockefeller. In the mines and concentrators 200 men are employed. The almost total destruction of the road by last week's floods has made it impossible to get supplies into the camp and people are leaving in droves, men, women and children walking through two feet of snow in the mountains to the settlements outside, where they can get food to last them through the winter. The storekeepers of Monte Cristo, acting on the knowledge that the destruction of the road would absolutely prevent their shipping in stocks of groceries, estimated how long their supplies would last, and restricted the sale of more than a fixed allowance to any of the people in the town. When this action became known by the townspeople a stampede for the cities of Snohomish and Seattle began. From Monte Cristo to tunnel No. 1, where the track had been repaired enough to allow the operation of the trains it is 30 miles. Along this entire distance the men and women with their children are now tramping. Sixty residents of the village left on Sunday and on Monday 10 more started on the trip. The town will in all probability be depopulated before spring.

DETAILS OF DEATH.

Inquest Held on the Body of Madison C. Stookey Friday Evening.

Belleville, Ill., Nov. 27.—About 9 o'clock yesterday morning the lifeless body of Madison T. Stookey, who had been a prominent figure in the political, business and social life of Belleville for many years, was found under a trestle bridge spanning Wamser Creek, near Columbia, Ill., and from all information it seemed that he had fallen from a Mobile and Ohio passenger train, which he had boarded at Waterloo, Ill., for East St. Louis, whence he expected to take a train for Belleville. He went to Waterloo on Thursday to participate in the festivities incident to the celebration of the completion of the water works system there, constructed by his son, Charles A. Stookey, of Belleville. His son remained at Waterloo, while he took a train for home at the close of the festivities. An inquest was held on the body by the coroner of Monroe county, and last evening his remains were brought to his home here. He was born near this city on November 26, 1837, and Friday was his 60th birthday. He held numerous offices of public trust. He was county treasurer for three terms, was superintendent of the Illinois state fair in 1879 and 1880, a member of the state board of agriculture for six years, president of the Belleville and Carondelet Railroad company, superintendent of the city water company for many years, and deputy United States revenue collector at the time of his death. He was a member of Garfield lodge, Knights of Pythias; of the Order of Odd Fellows, and of Belleville lodge, No. 108 A. O. U. W. He was married four times, and leaves a widow and one son by his first wife.

PREPARED HIS OWN COFFIN.

Illinois Undertaker Calmly Awaits the Final Summons.

Champaign, Ill., Nov. 27.—An undertaker preparing for his own funeral is not a common occurrence. At Mahomet, in this county, resides Mr. J. C. Pittman, a well known citizen, and at present a member of the Champaign county board of supervisors. For several months past he has been in a precarious condition of health and lately spent three weeks in the Julia F. Burnham hospital in this city for treatment. He did not improve and received little encouragement from the physicians. Then he went to Chicago for medical advice, and was told that there was no hope of cure in his case. Mr. Pittman is an undertaker, and on his return from Chicago he ordered a casket for himself and has trimmed and prepared it with his own hands, and in his shop at Mahomet it awaits the day when he will occupy it. Mr. Pittman is still able to visit his place of business occasionally, and he looks upon these funeral arrangements with perfect composure and complacency.

Sheriff's Close Call in Jail.

Princeton, Ind, Nov. 27.—Nineteen prisoners confined in the Gibson county jail declared themselves in open revolt against Sheriff Murphy Friday and but for prompt action in suppressing the disturbance the sheriff would have been killed. For several days the jail attendants have heard ugly threats made by the men and warned Sheriff Murphy of his danger. The trouble began at the breakfast hour, when the men declared they would have more food or kill the sheriff. Mr Murphy hurriedly summoned a posse of deputies and ordered them to remain on the outside of the jail while he entered to see what effect his presence would have. No sooner had he closed the door than all the prisoners, headed by John Boger, a notorious criminal, rushed upon him and were proceeding to carry their threats into execution when the posse entered the jail and ran to protect the sheriff. A fierce fight occurred between Boger and Murphy and the former was beaten almost into insensibility and then thrown into a cell. Seeing that their leader had been vanquished the revolting prisoners became quieted and sullenly returned to their cells. Boger says that he will kill Murphy.

Will Soon be Ready to Fight Fire.

Illiopolis, Nov 26.—The work on the new fire engine house will be completed in a few days. It is a large brick structure and contains commodious apartments for the new engine, hose carts and other paraphernalia for fire fighting. The building is situated between the grain elevator and the town jail, south of the Wabash railroad. It is probable that a fire chief will be appointed who will have charge of the department. He will be assisted by the local hook and ladder crew.

CRIME IN CANADA.

Confession of a Convict Horrifies the People and the Government Officials.

FIENDISH DEED OF A WOMAN

Two Men Poisoned at Port Arthur and Burned in a Shanty—Wages of Sin in a New York Town.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 27.—Oliver Provost, alias Gauthier, now serving a sentence of seven years for stealing at Renfrew, has made a terrible confession to Crown Attorney Metcalf, at Pembroke, Ont. Provost says some time ago he left his wife and went off with a Mrs. Gauthier from Valleyfield, Quebec, assuming Gauthier's name. They went to Port Arthur, Ont., and started a hotel. Two men named Rene Doblin and Fred Corriere, lived in a shanty near the hotel. The men called on Provost and remained for supper. Provost says the woman put poison in the tea for the men. Both left the table before the meal was finished. One dropped dead in the house the other immediately on reaching the door. Provost says he and the woman took what money and valuables they could find on the men and removed the bodies to the shanty, fired it and the bodies were cremated.

Burned to Death in a Bad House.

Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 27.—This morning a fire in the Atlantic block resulted in the death of three persons, Walter L. Sessions of Panama, August W. Jordan, address unknown, and Sandie Voss of Buffalo. The building was occupied for illicit purposes. The woman was one of the inmates and the men who lost their lives were visitors.

GEN. CLAY THREATENS MURDER.

Believes His Wife's Brother Has Caused Their Separation.

Valley View, Ky, Nov. 27.—The separation of Dora Richardson Clay from her aged husband, General Cassius M Clay, has taken a sensational turn. The general has sent William Richardson, his wife's brother, word that he would give him $500 to leave the country, and if he would not accept the offer he would kill him.

He believes Richardson is trying to prevent Dora from returning to Whitehall, and he insinuates that Richardson has assisted in robbing him of his wife. He is furiously mad at his neighbor, Charles Haden, for building Richardson a cottage on his place.

General Clay says Richardson has been installed in this house so that he can keep watch over the movements of Dora and if possible prevent her from returning home. When Richardson arrived here yesterday he was in an excited condition. He went to his brother Cleil's house and told Cleil and Dora of the general's threats. Dora immediately wrote her husband a letter stating that William was in no wise responsible for her leaving Whitehall. William says he will not leave, and more trouble is feared.

STAGE LINE TO THE KLONDIKE.

English Syndicate to Have One in Operation by Next Spring.

Great Falls, Mont, Nov. 27.—H. Lowther, an Englishman and nephew of Lord Lonsdale, accompanied by J. B. Helfon of London, arrived here yesterday and left for Fort Edmonton where as representatives of an English company they will establish a fast stage line to Dawson City. The route is an entirely new one and will be less than 1200 miles. Regarding its course they refuse to speak further than that a portion of it will be along the Mackenzie river. The line will be in operation early next spring and the trip will occupy less than 20 days.

While here they purchased from the Sunnyside ranch 100 horses and engaged John Webber as superintendent of the line. Taverns for the accommodation of passengers and relay stations will be erected along the route and an effort will be made to establish town sites. The company they represent is capitalized for $2,000,000.

FEMALE EVANGELISTS BARRED.

Presiding Elder Closed Methodist Church Doors to Mrs. Harris.

Chattanooga, Tenn, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Harris, female revivalist, has concluded a revival at Hillsboro, Ala., a few miles east of Courtland, on the Memphis and Charleston railroad. Large congregations attended the service, many from the adjacent country going 40 and 50 miles to hear her. The meeting was commenced in the Methodist Episcopal church South by authority of the board of stewards, but Rev. Anson West, presiding elder of the Decatur district, learning of the use of this church by a female revivalist, went to Hillsboro and overruled the action of the board, interrupted the proceedings and caused a considerable flurry by officially closing the doors of the church to women preachers. The affair has created excitement among the Methodists and it will be taken to the district conference. Mrs. Harris is a widow of the late Robert Lee Harris, a noted evangelist of his time in this state.

A number of cases of chicken pox are reported among the school children of Farmer City, but there is no epidemic.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1897.

The effort of Spanish officials to corrupt the Cuban leaders in the field shows that no dependence can be put in Spanish promises of reform or autonomy for Cuba.

Mr. Filley seems to have succeeded to a similar position in his party in Missouri as that of Wexler when it became necessary for him to resign. Filley will probably not be given a chance to resign.

General Gomez announces that the only aim of the Cubans is independence and notifies his generals that any one who accepts autonomy or confers with Spanish envoys will be subject to court martial and a traitor's death.

We do not hear of any workingman complaining of two cents advance in the price of his dinner pail since the effort to save that two cents was made in 1892 by electing a low tariff president and a low tariff congress.

The Hawaiian annexation proposition is being generally approved by the people of the United States, and there is every reason to believe that the treaty will be confirmed by action of the senate very soon after congress meets.

An assistant postmaster in Ohio who thought he would have some fun fixing up a fake weather report is now confronting a fine of $300 to $400 and imprisonment under the law, which is not funny, for tampering with a weather report.

The Democratic newspapers which were going to beat Mark Hanna despite the fact that the Ohio Republicans have control of the legislature, seem to have abandoned the idea since they have heard from the members of the party in and out of Ohio.

One of the most promising signs of good times was the long list of advances in wages which took place last week. There can be no advance in wages without advance in demand for the product of labor and this demand can only come by the advance of prosperity.

Japan's example in adopting the gold standard seems to be contagious, as the latest advices from China confirm those of some weeks ago which indicated that the gold standard is likely to be adopted by that government as soon as practicable.

Congress will have no occasion to regret its action on the Dingley bill when it comes together next month and learns that the new law is making such rapid progress as to make it practically certain that it is to supply ample revenue within a few months.

If Mr. Bryan does not hasten in his trip to Mexico he may not arrive in time to enter his protest against the adoption of the gold standard, for reports coming from that country show that the financiers and statesmen are seriously considering action of this kind.

Remember that protection and prosperity go hand in hand and a low tariff which results in the loss of work in this country goes hand in hand with hard times. As applied to the United States these two propositions are as sure as any law of nature.

The Republican plurality in Massachusetts has at last been figured out officially as 85,515 and a majority over all of 60,950. Massachusetts not many years ago elected Democratic governors, but the state has recovered from that condition which ought to give hope to Kansas and Nebraska.

The attention of Chairman Jones is respectfully called to the facts that his special commission which went to Japan to find out all about the "conspiracy" by which that country was brought to the adoption of a gold standard has not yet presented its report to the anxious public.

"Secretary Bliss has evidently carried his business habits with him to the interior department. He has succeeded in getting down the estimates of his subordinates for the next fiscal year over $9,000,000. This is an effective way every time of fighting a deficit."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The administration has been diligently at work putting the navy into condition for war and only a few days ago an order was placed for a large amount of naval ammunition. There may be no war, but the administration evidently is of the opinion that under present conditions the safe thing is to be prepared as fully as possible.

The new protective tariff is making factories hum, more of them every week and this recruits the army of consumers for the products of the American farm, makes good customers for American stores, patrons of American doctors, dentists, carpenters, plumbers, cellar diggers brick masons and other kinds of business.

The Cuban insurgents have no faith in Spanish promises and if anything was needed to confirm their suspicions of Spanish hypocrisy it could be found in the present proposition for so-called autonomy, particularly the provision where the home government shall select 47 members of the legislature to Cuba's 18. The trick is too barefaced to deceive any one.

The recent visit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Washington in behalf of closer relations between the United States and Canada is another evidence that the "protest" against our tariff were merely a bluff and that we have gained standing in the eyes of other countries by protecting our own, despite the fact that numerous protests against the act were presented during its consideration.

Much interest is felt in the public mind just now as to the prospective attitude of President McKinley on the Cuban question. This anxiety is doubtless due to the fact that a war cloud would check, if not absolutely destroy, the business improvement among farmers, manufacturers and merchants which has been apparent since the McKinley administration came into operation.

A company of Englishmen have established a soap factory in Pittsburg, which will employ 1000 people. This is one of the results of the Dingley tariff act, but the Englishmen disgusted with the Democratic failure to popularize free trade in the United States, may also have had it in for the Democratic party and thought to punish that party by increasing the amount of soap.

How will our free traders in the next campaign escape what the European papers are now saying about the effect of the Dingley tariff act? The English papers especially are full of declarations and complaints that protection in the United States injures the English market while a free trade policy helps it because it opens the United States market to the products of English manufacturers.

The slugball people evidently have run upon the fact that the legislatures of the several states will regulate the game of football in order to protect men from injuries and death as the result of playing the game as at present played. The western teams have decided to change the present system and abolish the mass plays wherein the injuries are inflicted. If these changes are made legislation may be avoided, otherwise laws will be enacted to prohibit the brutality of the game.

The silver mine owners have evidently opened another barrel. Mr. Bryan and a few of his associates met on the dark and bloody ground of Kentucky the other day, and after a few minutes of private conference, announced that they had decided to "keep up the fight for silver." In view of the fact that the Republicans made gains where silver was made an issue in the recent elections, members of that part will offer no objections to the proposition to continue the agitation upon this subject.

Next Monday the long session of the present congress will begin. It will no doubt prove one of the most important in the history of the country because of the important questions it will deal with. Hawaiian annexation will be disposed of, no doubt in favor of annexation. The Cuban question will also come up in various ways The Canadian seal and reciprocity issues are also important and then the money question will again be brought to the front in an effort to reform our currency.

Mr. and Mrs John J. Sackenheim of Springfield, Ohio, have had a son christened Prosperity G. Sackenheim. The father is employed in a brass foundry and had a hard time during the free trade reign of President Cleveland and since the election of McKinley and the passage of the Dingley tariff law finds a constant demand for his skilled labor which has brought happiness to his home and to commemorate that which produced the gratifying change in his condition has named his son Prosperity That boy will probably never be a "Pop."

The Minneapolis Tribune: Not the least amusing feature in connection with the Hanna campaign is the Rip Van Winkle awakening of the late Boss Filley, of Missouri, who has written a letter attacking that gentleman's methods of campaigning. The canker in Uncle Filley's heart is the recollection that the administration refused to turn the patronage of the state of Missouri over to him, and of course as Hanna is the McKinley scapegoat, he is made the target for a newspaper communication as illiterate in its construction as it is absurd in its conception.

The popularity of the reciprocity idea in conjunction with the protective tariff was shown in the protests which were made against the destruction of the reciprocity systems inaugurated under the McKinley act. Those people who were disappointed at the destruction of those reciprocity arrangements at that time will be gratified to know that the Dingley law is likely to operate in this line in a much wider and more complete way, and that reciprocity under the new tariff act will be of even greater value and give greater satisfaction than was the case with the successful and popular experiments made in that line under the McKinley act.

The Dingley law will greet its framers with a very gratifying showing for its four months' operations when they come together early in December for the work of the regular long session of congress Its earnings during the first four months have exceeded by several millions of dollars the earnings of the corresponding four months of the Wilson law, its November earnings reaching $26,000,000, which is more than 25 per cent in excess of the November earnings in the first year of the Wilson law, and the reciprocity arrangements made under its provisions promise to be far more useful and beneficial to our commerce than was the case even under the McKinley law which gave such general satisfaction in that particular.

The New York Commercial Advertiser says: "The general business condition, as described in staten ents of the mercantile agencies continues to improve, especially in that quarter from which improvement is naturally expected—the retail merchandise trade. Colder weather in the west and the decline of the yellow fever epidemic in the south has swelled the volume of business to a degree which is highly favorable for future railroad traffic returns. The shipments of wheat from both coasts last week were $6,653,792, which, with one exception, is the largest amount for a single week in the history of the country, and is 47 per cent greater than in 1896 and 56 per cent greater than in 1895. The considerable addition to the internal trade balance in our favor is enhanced by the immense reduction in the imports of dry goods and merchandise at the port of New York, which for the week ending November 20, were $5,609,861, against $11,183,455 in the corresponding week of last year."

Spain Will Not Capitulate.

After the Spaniards have exhausted their efforts to Gomez and his marshals and induce them to betray their commands these brave men announce that nothing but independence complete will be accepted by the Cubans. In the course of their declaration they say: "Independence or death has been and will be our sacred and indisputable watchword. * * * It sustains us in the struggle and it will not disappear until the flag that has covered so many injustices, has presided over so many butcheries, and has covered and protected so many iniquities, shall be hauled down from Cuba. Between Cuba and Spain there extends a bottomless ocean of tears, there boils an immense sea of blood, and there is an impassable mountain of hatred. That is why we wish the absolute and immediate independence of all the island of Cuba. We desire to constitute a free, ordained, prosperous and happy people on the ruins of an exhausted colony."

Good-Bye to Shoddy.

It is the unvarying testimony of merchants and manufacturers of clothing that under the Wilson bill a larger quantity and percentage of shoddy and worthless mixtures were used in men's woolens than was ever before known in the history of the country. Inferior goods at outrageously low valuations were imported and sold at a price for which honest cloths could not be manufactured. Consequently, in order to meet this competition, domestic cloth makers were compelled to resort to all kinds of tricks and devices in the cheapening of their fabrics.

It is a striking fact, however, that even these inferior stuffs were much better in quality and wear than the imported goods that sold at the same prices. The fact is that when an American manufacturer turns out cheap goods he puts up a better article than any other nation on earth. Trust Yankee skill and ingenuity for that!

But the era of shoddy has passed, let us hope, forever. Under protection the manufacturer is no longer obliged to compete with fabrics of low value and poor quality, produced abroad. If the price is somewhat increased by reason of the higher cost of raw material, the improved quality and longer wear will more than make up the difference.

Therefore the American workingman is the gainer, as he gets better value for his money. He is the gainer in another way. He now works six days in the week, whereas under free trade and lower values he worked four days in the week, or very likely had no work at all. He can well afford to bid good by to the era of shoddy

American Corn in Europe.

Sioux City Journal: Exports of corn have been increasing for several years, showing that the people of Europe are beginning to have some appreciation of the value of our American corn. For the year ended June 30, 1892, there was shipped from the United States 75,451,840 bushels of corn and 237,609 barrels of corn meal. For the year ended June 30, 1897 there was shipped out of this country 176,916,365 bushels of corn and 475,963 barrels of corn meal.

There is no doubt as to the direct cause of this increase in the exports of corn and corn meal. Under the administration of President Harrison a policy of encouraging exports of American farm products was commenced Col. Charles J. Murphy was sent to Europe by Secretary Rusk as a special agent of the agricultural department for the purpose of carrying on a corn propaganda. Colonel Murphy's methods are well known. He lectured in Berlin, London, Paris and many other cities on the availability of corn meal as a substitute for wheat and rye foods, and in his work he demonstrated how corn meal could be cooked to make palatable dishes, illustrating his lectures by practical instruction in cooking. He held meetings in all manner of places and arranged for dinners at which corn was the chief article of food. In Germany he yielded to the prejudices of the people who have long been accustomed to rye bread, and he devised a mixture of rye and corn meal from which he made a palatable bread, which soon became known as "Murphy bread" As a result of his efforts he had the pleasure of seeing mills built in various parts of Europe for grinding corn—something not before known—and of learning that the exports of corn from the United States had commenced to increase

In an evil hour the people of the United States voted "for a change," and as a result Colonel Murphy was recalled by Secretary Rusk's successor and his work was left half finished But the work he had done could not be stopped and the countries in which he lectured have been gradually increasing their purchases of American corn The following table shows the increase in exports in five years in the four countries in which he labored

	1892. Bushels	1897 Bushels.
United Kingdom.. ..	36,503,653	75,189,119
Germany.....	13,901,239	31,784,181
France	2,034,257	7,092,156
Other Europe	17,128,924	40,465,055

It was certainly a blunder on the part of the Cleveland administration to put an end to the American corn commission on the ground of economy for had the work been continued right along to the present time, the shipments of corn, instead of being what they are, would be many times doubled. If the people of Ireland take kindly to American corn meal, exports will be still further increased. Corn is to be much more popular in the future than in the past.

Rev. E. B Randle will preach at the Elwin M. E. church at 7 p. m. Wednesday. Rev. Danely will preach at the same place Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and at Blue Mound at 3 p. m.

DAMAGED

By Smoke Only.

The Chicago Shoe Manufacturing company, The Queen City Tailoring company, and The Barr Cloak company, adjoining buildings, were damaged to the extent of $175,000. Part of this mammoth stock has been shipped to Decatur and placed on sale in the large storeroom, 333 North Water street, Gallagher block, and will be sold to the people of Macon and adjoining counties, as directed by the insurance company, at less than appraised value. This great fire sale of men's, boys', ladies', misses' and children's shoes, together with men's, boys' and children's clothing and ladies' cloaks will commence on Wednesday, December 8, 1897, and will continue until Saturday night, December 11, making this the greatest four days sale ever inaugurated in Decatur. Among the many bargains you will find:

Ladies' and gent's house slippers, worth $1 00, at 48 cents. Men's half full stock shoes, worth $1.75, at 98 cents. Ladies' good heavy calf shoes, worth $1.75, at 88 cents. Ladies' fine Dongola patent leather tip shoes, worth $1.75, at 98 cents. Ladies' very fine shoes, needle toe, lace and button, worth $3.50, at $1.48 Ladies' French kid, hand turned, latest style, lace and button, worth $3 00, at $1.98. Men's very fine shoes, worth $2 50, at $1.24.

Men's fine calf shoes, worth $3.00, at $1.48 Men's fine custom made shoes hand sewed, all latest styles worth $4.00, at $1 98. A full line of ladies', misses' and children's Oxford Ties at less than half price.

Boys' long pants, worth $1.50, at 78 cents. Men's pants, worth $1.50, at 68 cents. Men's business pants, worth $2 00, at $1.24. Men's fine dress pants, worth $4.00, at $1 98. Children's suits, worth $2.00, at 98 cents. Children's fine suits, worth $5.00, at $1 98. Men's suits, worth $8.00, at $2.95. Men's cassimere suits, worth $12, at $4 75. Men's fine cassimere suits, worth $15 00, at $6.78. Men's fine custom made suits, worth $18.00, at $8 68. Men's fine tailor made suits, worth $22 00, at $9.48. Men's very fine satin lined suits, worth $25 00, at $11.48. Men's good overcoats, well made, worth $4.00, at $1 98. Men's good kersey coats, worth $8.00, at $3.98. Men's good imported overcoats, satin lined, worth $20.00, at $9.48. Men's French beaver overcoats, worth $15.00, at $6 48.

A splendid ladies jacket in heavy weight, strictly all wool, worth $8.00, at $2 98. Ladies' fine jackets, satin faced, made with latest style sleeves, all wool, boucles and variety of fancy materials, positively worth $18 00, at $7.98. Ladies' capes, made of kersey cloth, full weight, nicely made, worth $4 50, at $1.75. Ladies' fine electric seal, double and single capes, 30 inches long, really worth $20.00, at $9.98. Ladies' capes made of fine kersey cloth, also boucle, rough materials, full weights, with stitched satin edges all around, goods valued at $12 50, will be sold at 6.98. Ladies' fine capes, nobby styles, made of all wool Kersey cloth, and a variety of rough material, all neatly trimmed and actually worth $15.00, at $6.98.

And so on down the line, you will find bargain after bargain; nothing reserved; everything must be sold in four days. Remember that Wednesday, December 8, 1897, is the day, and is for four days only. Look for the great fire sale sign. Fred Myer, Agent. Merchants desiring to fill up for the coming season will find this a good opportunity.

HALE AND HEARTY AT 71.

Celebration of Squire Hughes' Birthday in Long Creek Township.

Mr. J M. Hughes, of Long Creek, celebrated his seventy-first anniversary on Tuesday, November 30, at his home near this village by entertaining a number of friends and relatives. One of the most enjoyable features of the occasion was the sumptuous dinner prepared by Mrs. Hughes consisting of the most appetizing eatables along with a fatted goose. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hughes and grand children, Lela Baum and Bessie Hughes, Mrs Jennie Brott and family and W. P. Hughes and family of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Winings and family, Mr. and Mrs. C H Reynolds and family, Miss Mattie Booker, James L Reynolds of Long Creek, Elder L H Reynolds of North Middletown, Bourbon county, Ky. and Dr. B. F. Reynolds of Carlisle county, Ky. Mr. Hughes was born in Monroe county, Ky., November 30, 1826. He was married to Martha J. Winings of Ohio county, Ind., February 24, 1852. He removed to Illinois in 1853 and has been a resident of Macon county since 1854. He was elected to the office of justice of the peace six years ago and was re-elected four years later and is now discharging the duties of his office without prejudice or partiality. The Squire is hale and hearty at his advanced age and has the appearance of living many years yet to come.

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W. F. Copes, of Shelbyville, who for many years has been secretary of the Tazewell County Old Settlers' association, has been very ill, but is slowly recovering.

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CHILDREN TESTIFY.

The Kretzer Boys Go on the Stand to Give Evidence Against Their Mother.

TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENSE

Commenced To-day—Mrs. Connolly Not Allowed to Talk—Final Report of Assignee—Guardian is Appointed.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

The Kretzer-Connelly $10,000 damage case in the circuit court attracted considerable attention today. Rather unexpectedly the introduction of testimony for the plaintiff was closed this forenoon and the defense was opened. The attorneys for the plaintiff put the two sons of Mr. Kretzer on the stand to testify against their mother. They told a story similar to that of Kretzer, giving alleged facts in regard to the relations of Mrs. Kretzer and Dr Conrelly.

The defense was opened by the introduction of Mrs. Connelly as a witness The attorneys for the plaintiff objected to Mrs. Connelly being allowed to testify and the judge ruled that she should not be allowed to give evidence as she was the wife of the defendant. Other witnesses this afternoon were put on the stand and were required to tell what they knew in regard to Kretzer's truthfulness. The defense are undertaking to impeach the testimony of Kretzer by introducing witnesses who testify that Kretzer is not truthful.

Chancery Docket.

Edwin Park vs Decatur Brick and Tile Company, chancery Rule extended to December 10.

W B. Tyler vs Samuel W. Stookey et al; foreclosure. Master report and extension thereto.

J. K. Hardy vs Rella G. Clements; partition Master's report of sale approved and stricken with leave. Order of distribution

Aurora National Loan Association vs. Andrew J. Lowery et al, foreclosure Master's report approved, cause heard and decree of foreclosure for $1115.60 costs, etc., and $50 solicitor's fee.

Henry L. Roberts vs. Stanley March et al; foreclosure. Leave to amend bill making new party defendant and continued for service.

County Court.

In the county court today R. H. Woodcock made his final report as assignee of J. S. Edmundson. He reported that $548.50 had been paid to the creditors. The estate paid 8.26 per cent on the dollar.

Judge Hammer in the county court today appointed James P. Bromley guardian of Bessie and Kittie Bromley

Marriage Licenses.

Arthur L Griffith, Macon, 26.
Sallie E. Ingram, Macon, 27.
Charles W. Felt, Fitzgerald, Ga, 28.
Josephine Keefe, Decatur, 25.

Quit Claim Deed

John P. Holmes to Amos Lane, quit claim deed to the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of 22, 16, 1 east; $100.

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill, in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores.

Daniel Quick was arrested at Monticello yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Nicholson on a charge of adultery and was brought to Decatur He gave bond in the sum of $200 and was released. Mr. Quick is charged with having come to Decatur with his brother's wife and registering at a hotel here as Daniel Lambert and wife The woman is yet to be located and arrested.

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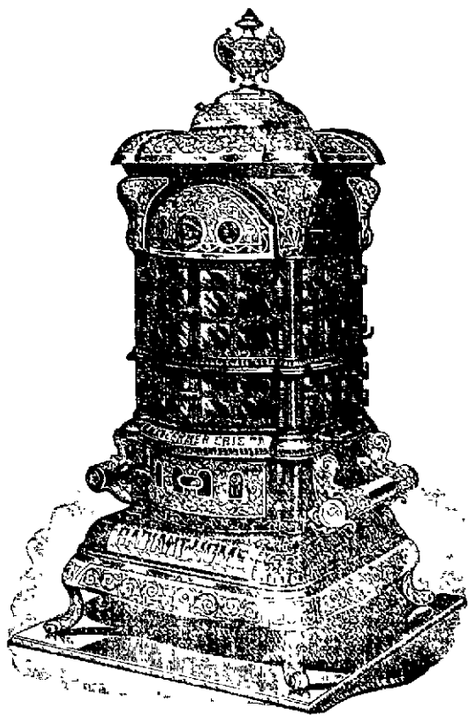

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Our Neighbors

Macon.

Miss Blanche Willoughby is on the sick list.

Mrs. E. K. Siehr spent a few days last week in Elwin.

Miss Lottie Meeks of Decatur spent a few days last week with Miss Maud Cook.

Oran Cook spent Sunday in Indianapolis.

Miss Dee Cook spent a few days last week in Decatur.

Prof. A. E. Golden and wife and daughter, Ruth, Misses Bernie Higgins, Mary Anderson, Ellen Chamberlain, Lizzie Small, Lizzie Schudle, Emma Bean, Maine Chamberlain attended the institute.

Miss Beulah Warren of Moweaqua was in this city Monday.

Miss Frankie Roff spent Sunday with her mother in Moweaqua.

Miss Clara Webb of Decatur spent a few days last week with Clint Webb and family.

Mrs. J. F. Van Gundy and son, spent Sunday in Assumption the guest of her parents, Elijah and wife.

Misses Mattie Bottomfield and Nid Uppendahl of Dilton City spent Sunday with Mrs. J. Bottomfield.

Miss Nellie Arnold died at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs. Henry Arnold.

The Macon Musical union gave a concert at the Tabernacle last Saturday night under the direction of F. C. Tompson. The hall was well filled with an appreciative audience. C. W. Crain had his graphophone there and it played several selections After the concert the Christian Endeavor gave an ice cream and oyster supper. Total receipts $37.70.

Rev J Roberts will go to Farmingdale to preach Sunday, consequently there will be no preaching Sunday morning or evening.

Miss Sattie Ingram and Arthur Griffith were married at the residence of Rev. Willard and wife last night, December 1.

In the presence of the intimate relatives and friends of the family.

M. A. Herbert returned from Arkansas Wednesday morning on the Diamond Special where he has been hunting in party with Decatur people.

Dutton.

Mrs. Kennedy of Decatur is visting her parents, Mr and Mrs. Wagoner this week.

J F. Patton has returned from an extended visit with his parents near Terre Haute.

Misses Jessie Bilby, Stella Moma, Allie Walker and Bert Moma, Samuel Dickey and Wallace Walker, from Mt. Zion, visted Mr. and Mrs Frank Gregory Sunday.

Rev. A. M. Danelev of Decatur is making pastoral calls in this part of the county this week.

Quite a number from here are attending the protracted meetings at the Mt. Zion M. E church.

Mr Pasley of Decatur made a business visit to this place Wednesday.

Mrs La Cosh was a Decatur visitor Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Mary Rice of Decatur is visiting the Misses Karch this week.

Lowell Smith went to St. Louis Tuesday.

Scott Turple of Decatur was here Tuesday

Casner.

Mrs. Charles Baker is on the sick list this week.

Miss Lenora Bullard returned to her home at Warrensburg after a four days' visit with her sister, Mrs. J E. Underwood.

A. A. Jones, teacher at the Union school spent Thanksgiving with home folks near here.

Corn huskers have begun to imigrate to a milder climate, as a number of farmers are finishing.

R. F. McDonald and daughter, Miss Bessie, spent Thanksgiving at Harristown with the family of Frank Muirhead.

Lester Cormean, who got his face badly burned a few weeks since, fooling with gunpowder, is out again.

C. S. Bullard and family of Warrensburg, John Underwood and family and the family of John Prather ate Thanksgiving dinner with the family of J. E. Underwood.

E. B Smith and family of Chicago, spent Thanksgiving with the family of Henry Smith Mr. Smith is a prominent attorney of Chicago.

Joe Hamman and sister, Miss Katie, and Miss Schaffer of Piatt county, spent Sunday with the family of John Underwood.

The schools were all closed Thursday and about all of them Friday, the teachers attending the county Institute at Decatur.

Protracted meetings still continue and will last till next Sunday at least Next Saturday and Sunday will occur the first quarterly meeting at this place when Presiding Elder King will preach.

John Williams and family visited at Lovington with friends and relatives returning Monday

John and Jesse Wikoff and Homer Dawson of Decatur were with the family of their uncle, John Casner, returning Saturday.

Dr Lonergan and family, A. B Chapman and wife, Mrs. A. J. Chapman and family and Rev. Hatfield at turkey with the family of John Wilson Thursday

Mrs Robert Taylor has been very sick at the home of her daughter near Litchfield. She was on her return trip from Oklahoma where she was visiting her son.

Dr. Patterson was called to see her. She was improving at last account.

Donnie Wilson and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Blue Mound, returning Saturday.

Messrs Gushard and Martin of Decatur enjoyed the national holiday hunting with P. O Beck. They had a fine hunt and took some game.

The four year old boy of Will Ackers has been dangerously ill of pneumonia hemorrhagen for some days, but is much improved at this writing. It was for some time that his life was hanging by a thread, hemorrhages both external and internal occurring frequently. Dr. Patterson says without complications setting in he will recover.

Thanksgiving exercises were held at the church Thursday, conducted by Rev. Z. T. Hatfield. The inclement weather prevented many from attending but a fair sized crowd was present. The church was tastily and appropriately decorated. The exercises consisted of songs, and recitations, the Thanksgiving address being given by J. E. Underwood. Miss Ollie Casner read a Thanksgiving story and Simon Mesherry gave a recitation.

W. S. Williams visited the family of his brother, John Williams, and other relatives in this vicinity Last week. He went from here to Blue Mound where he has many kinsmen and from there to Lovington, where a family reunion was held Saturday at which John Williams and family were present. Mr. Williams lives in Kansas.

Dalton City.

Dr. Wilson reports a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Gard November 24.

Mike Sullivan transacted business in Decatur last week.

Frank Hogan of Findley was on our streets last week.

Hale Brothers of Bethany finished the graining work on J. W. Hilligers' house last week.

Miss Mamie O'Connor of Decatur returned home last week, after a three weeks visit with her friends here.

Jack Goodman of Decatur was on our streets last week.

Tilly Martin of Centralia returned home last week.

W. P. Jefferies and wife returned home last week to Bartlett, Tenn.

J. H. Uppendahl and wife visited Decatur last week.

George Wagoner and wife were shopping in Decatur last week.

Shorty Foster of Lovington was buying horses here last week.

Richard Burk of Bethany was here last Monday and bought a wagon load of poultry.

Oscar Neff of Lovington was on our streets Monday.

Miss Kate Duggan was shopping in Decatur last week.

Mrs. Julius Vandruff is on the sick list.

Sam Conner of Bethany was on our streets Monday.

J. H Nolan and Ed Mulvey visited Decatur last week.

Mike McCarthy and wife visited Findley last week.

Corn husking is almost completed in this section of the county.

Charley Landson of Sullivan was on our streets last week.

James Berry transacted business in Sullivan last week.

Hon. D. P. Keller of Moweaqua was a visitor here last week.

C. A. Hight gave his wife and daughter a nice Thanksgiving present last week, which was a fine piano.

Frank Freeland returned home from college last week.

Oreana.

Jay Morrison and sister, Della, visited over Sunday with relatives at Gibson City and Roberts.

M. Bower and family of near Oakley visited Sunday with Mrs. L. Shastid.

Mrs. A. B. Kuhns is visiting relatives at Bloomington.

Miss Mable Froman is visiting her grand parents, Jas. Liebtenberger and wife, of Maroa.

C. Zeigler and family of Decatur spent Thanksgiving day with F. Strope and family.

The revival services at the Baptist church closed Sunday night. There were three additions to the church.

Miss Hertha Carothers of near Argenta is visiting friends here.

Welsey Glerner and family of Decatur are visiting Mrs. L. Shastid.

Maroa.

John Mayall, wife and daughter, returned to their home at Valley Centre, Kan., on Friday, after a visit with relatives here.

Mrs. Guy Covault is visiting her parents at Lake City.

John Hoffman has returned from Jasper county, where he had gone to see his grand children, the children of Nicholas Hoffman.

Mrs. Clara Annett of Vanoren, Ill, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. P. W. Street.

Dr. Anderson and Will Waller went to Cincinnati Saturday on the excursion.

Joseph R. Grady has purchased the Friedmann property, now occupied by R. D. Balch.

Mrs. John Kempshall and children spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Agnes Kerchoffint Farmer City.

Frank Cornwell of Belle Plaine, Kan., is visiting relatives in Maroa and vicinity.

C. L. Jones and wife are visiting their son, Charles J. Jones and family at Leroy.

Samuel Potter and wife served an elaborate dinner to a large number of relatives and friends Thanksgiving day.

Miss Oliver of Heyworth, visited Miss Lottie Crowell a few days last week.

The concert of national airs given by the music committee of the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church on Thanksgiving evening was well attended. The receipts were $31.

Miss Nellie Buchanan of Farmer City, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Cox, returned to her home Tuesday.

Miss Kate Edmonds spent Thanksgiving at Normal.

J I Hill of Delavan spent Thanksgiving with his parents, J. D. Hill and wife.

Mrs. C M. Thayer of Farmer City, is the guest of friends here this week.

Mrs. Julia Toohey and children and Mrs. Emrick went to Spiceland, Ind., on Tuesday to reside.

J. T. Keats and family will occupy Mrs. Toohey's property.

J. W. Cline sold his property to John Wilkoe this week for $625. Mr. Cline and family will move to Decatur.

Mrs. Dillon of Wichita, Kan., who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. E. A Gray and other relatives left Tuesday for her home.

The young men of the Presbyterian church will give their annual supper at the home of Captain and Mrs. J. M. Perstinger on Thursday evening, December 30.

Mrs S. M. Adams of Moweaqua is the guest of Frank Stroud and family.

Mrs Nettie Torrence went to Okarville on Tuesday to attend the wedding of a relative.

Born, To C. H. Blair and wife of Lyons, Kan., November 28, a daughter. Mrs. Blair was formerly Miss Lura Smith.

Miss Effie Wright, who has been employed as trimmer at the millinery store of Miss Schultz, left Thursday for her home at Virden, Ill.

Indigestive poisons are the bane of the dyspeptic's life. When sick, see if your sickness is caused by indigestive poisons. If so, take Shaker Digestive Cordial. This is the only certain way of being permanently cured, because it is the only way that gets rid of the poisons. You know that fermented food is poisonous. You know that poison is unhealthy. Shaker Digestive Cordial clears the stomach of fermenting food, and purifies the blood and system of indigestive poisons. It cures indigestion and the diseases that come of it. Headache, dizziness, nausea, stomachache, weakness, flatulence, constipation, loss of appetite, irritability, etc These are a few of the symptoms, caused by indigestive poisons, cured by Shaker's Digestive Cordial.

At druggists, price 10 cents to $1.00 per bottle.

J V. Netziker is erecting a building 24x50, just west of the town hall in Hopedale, which will be used for a store room and repair shop.

MARKET REPORT.

BY B. Z. TAYLOR.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Wheat opened rather erratically—December was a cent and three-eighths lower than yesterday's close, while May was just at last night's last figures. In the first few minutes, December had a range of 2½ cents. The price was up, and then down. The trade today was good and the market was more active than it has been for some time past, though there was still the same old lack of features and factors. July blossomed out today, opened ⅝c above last night. The cables were all one sided, but had changed sides. Liverpool opened steady and ⅝d above yesterday's close, and closed ⅜d to 1d above last night's figures. Paris was centimes higher for wheat. The total clearances, after their effort of yesterday, dropped off, but were still good, the wheat and flour cleared today aggregating 577,000 bushels of wheat. The northwestern receipts also fell off today, which seems to show that the combatants in the old northwestern receipts vs. Clearances fight are both growing a little weary. Minneapolis got 453 cars of wheat today and Duluth got 262, a total of 715, against 762 (Minneapolis 510, Duluth 252) a week ago, and 316 (Minneapolis 221, Duluth 95) a year ago.

Corn opened about where it left off yesterday, and with rather small trade and rather inactive market was steady with narrow range Cables were on the same side of the fence as in wheat. Liverpool opening this morning steady and ⅜d above last night's close, and closing strong and ½d higher than the closing off yesterday. The total clearances of corn came near being a factor, as they aggregated 809,860 bushels.

Oats opened about where they left off and were moderately active, with price steady to firm. No features; no factors.

Provisions were dull, with very small trade and narrow and almost dead market, to which there were no features.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 1

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Yesterday.
Wheat—					
Dec	94⅛	96⅜	94	96⅜	95⅜
May	91⅞	91⅞	90⅝	90⅝	91⅞
July	84⅞	85	84	84	84⅝
Corn—					
Dec	25⅝	25⅞	25⅝	25⅞	25⅝
May	29⅛	29⅜	29⅛	29⅜	29⅜
	29⅛	29⅛	29	29⅛	29⅜
Oats—					
Dec	20⅝	20⅝	20⅜	20⅜	20⅜
May	22⅛	22⅛	22	22	22⅛
Pork—					
May	8.40	—	—	8.40	8.45
Lard					
May	—	—	—	4.40	4.42½
Ribs					
May	—	—	—	—	4.32½

May wheat: Puts, —; Calls, —; Curb 96⅝.

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.

Wheat—115; Estimated, 126; a year ago, 34
Corn—319; Estimated, 302; a year ago, 139
Oats—255; Estimated, 243; a year ago, 136

Estimates for To-Morrow.

Wheat, 175; Corn, 435; Oats, 330.

Hogs.

Hog receipts, 53,000. Estimated 40,000.
Market 5 to 10c lower.
Light, $3.25@$3.40, Mixed, $3.25@$3.45; Heavy, $3.30@$3.40; Rough, $3.10@$3.20.
Estimated for to-morrow, 46,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 4,500. Market 10 to 20c lower.

YAQUI CURE FOR HYDROPHOBIA

Indian Specific for Rabies to be Tested by Physicians.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 1.—For many years it has been known that the Yaqui Indians, of Sonora, possessed a vegetable specific remedy for hydrophobia, which was not only sure and efficacious, but perfectly harmless. While always ready to apply the remedy when needed, the Indians have kept its constituents a profound secret. Recently Dr. J. S. Bell, a specialist, now at Hermosillo, has secured from the Yaquis their valuable secret, and a large quantity of the herbs necessary for its manufacture, and will return to the United States to introduce the remedy throughout the country. It is believed that its certainty and safety, combined with its almost insignificant cost, compared with visiting a Pasteur institute for treatment, will cause it to become the generally accepted remedy for rabies.

Change of Time on the Central.

The time card for the running of passenger and mail trains on the Illinois Central railroad took effect Sunday, as follows:

No. 118 to Chicago via Clinton and Gilman *1.33 a. m.

No. 120 to Chicago via Clinton and Gilman *11:53 a. m.

No. 704 to Chicago via Champaign *6:10 a. m.

No. 104 Main Line North, *11:26 a. m.

No 126 Main Line North, $6:10 p. m.

No. 702 Champaign Line Mixed, leaves 2:45 p. m.

No. 117 Diamond Special to St. Louis via Pana, *8:19 a m.

No. 119 Daylight Special to St. Louis via Pana, *3:37 p. m.

No. 125 Main Line South to Pana, $9:30 a. m.

No 103 Main Line South to Cairo, *4:03 p. m.

No. 191 Local Freight South, §7:45 a. m.

No. 703 from Chicago via Champaign. Arrives *9:55 p. m.

No. 701 from Champaign, Mixed Train, arrives §10:30 a. m.

*Daily. §Daily except Sunday.

Free! Monday, Dec. 6. Free!

The above should not only attract the attention of the sick but cause them to act. While they do not expect something for nothing, especially if that something is worth anything, yet the free treatment offer Drs. Appleman and Prettyman make is practically something for nothing. It applies to all persons and all diseases. It means that only actual cost of the medicines will be charged. It is given to induce those who need treatment an opportunity to try these skilled physicians. It costs nothing, not a cent, for an examination and honest opinion.

The opening of the gravel pit at Kenney has given work to a large number of men. Work begins at 6:30 a m. and closes at 5 p. m. and $1.50 per day is allowed the men.

...HOLIDAY SALE...

OUTER GARMENTS !

This week's selling in the Cloak Section will be characterized by radical price reductions on strictly High Grade Coats and Capes.

Ladies' High Class Jackets, in all the new winter colorings of Kersey, Boucle and English Covert Cloths, full lined with plain and fancy silks, fly front, coat or ripple back, Klondike Collar. Stylish lengths from 22 to 28 inches. These coats have sold all season at $15.00. For the holiday sale they're marked

$10.00.

Ladies' Fine Plush Capes, 27 inches long, 118 inches sweep. Interlined throughout with splendid quality silk serge. Nicely bead and braid trimmed. Has sold all season at $7.49. For the holiday sale

$4.98.

Ladies' Stylish Coats of Beaver and English Kersey, black, navy, tan brown, green, royal blue and red. Full silk lined, applique trimmed shield front, with high collar and Hussar effect. Exact copies of fine imported garments, selling at from $25 to $30. Holiday sale

$17.50.

Ladies' Jackets, made of good quality of Curl Boucle and English Kersey Cloths, full lined with colored satin, new back, small sleeves, high collar. Such a coat is shown nowhere else at a lower figure $9.98. For the holiday sale

$7.49.

Ladies' fine Boucle Cloth Capes, 30 inches long, 125 inch sweep—full interlined with good quality of silk and heavily fur trimmed. Not a cheap shoddy garment, but a serviceable cape offered elsewhere at $4.98. For the holiday sale

$3.95.

Toyland in the Basement.

LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Toyland in the Basement.

We Have Received This Week **1,000 Boys' Suits and Overcoats, Ulsters and Reefers.**

Owing to the lateness of the season we bought them at very low prices and can give our customers Better Values then ever before.

NEW, STYLISH, UP-TO-DATE MERCHANDISE.

We Invite Inspection

Boys' all wool Scotch Cloth Suits—come in grey and brown mixtures, the best suit on earth for the price we ask—ages 4 to 15, at..... **$2.50**

$3.00 and $3.50

We offer 200 Elegant All Wool Suits in Fancy Cheviots, Blue Black and Greys, Neat Checks, Plaids—all the very most stylish suits in the market—Pants have double knees and double seats—ages 4 to 7—Reefer style 7 to 15—Double Breasted—the best suit we have ever sold at the price—

$3.00 and $3.50.

JUST RECEIVED...

Boys' all wool Freize Ulsters, 6 to 14, at.....$3.00

Boys' all wool Chinchilla Ulsters, 6 to 14, at.....$4.00

Boys' fine Ulsters and Overcoats.....$5.00 to $12.00

Men's Suits.

Strictly all wool Scotch Fancy Cheviots, at - - $6.00, $7.00, $8.00 and **$8.50**

Men's Suits, Fancy Plaids, Checks and Neat Plain Effects, at - - - **$10.00**

Fine Suits at $12.00, $15.00 and $18.00

Men's Overcoats.

Men's all wool Kersey Overcoats.....$8.00
Men's Fine Kersey Overcoats at.....$10.00
Fine Overcoats from.....$12.00 to $30.00
Thousands to select from—New and Up-to-date Kinds.

Men's Underwear.

1 case of Elastic Ribbed, Fleece Lined, at.....85c
1 case of Extra Heavy Fleece Lined, at.....50c
1 case of Beach Underwear, Fancy Fleece Lined, at 75c
1 case of Wright's Health Fleece Lined, at.....75c
Standard makes of Underwear from $1 to $3 a garment.

Boys' Underwear.

Extra good value at..... .75c suit

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....MASONIC TEMPLE....

DEPUTY SHERIFF NO MORE.

Sam Holmes Let Out—His Successor is Cass Nicholson.

There have been rumors on the streets for several days that Samuel M. Holmes, deputy sheriff, would be let out by Sheriff Nicholson, and that Cass Nicholson, son of the sheriff, would be appointed as his successor

The change was made by Sheriff Nicholson last evening at 7 o'clock and now Sam is out and Cass is on duty. It appears now that Sheriff Nicholson has had the matter of Holmes' retirement under consideration for some time, but did not take decided action until last evening. He gave the deputy sheriff strong endorsement as a faithful and efficient officer, and said that he regretted his release very much, but that the circumstances were such that a change became necessary.

Mr. Holmes was seen today by a Republican reporter. He said that the first he knew about a change was what he heard on the streets yesterday. The sheriff had not spoken to him on the subject he said, until last night, when he was relieved from further service. "That is all I know," said Sam "I am out and I don't know now what I will do."

Mr. Holmes, while yet a young man, has had many years experience as a court officer. He served under his father in Piatt county, and was for two years a deputy under ex-Sheriff Perl. He has served three years as deputy for Sheriff Nicholson. He has a clean and enviable record as an officer. He has always been alert and quick to respond to all calls for duty. The present deputies on duty at the sheriff's office are Cass and Bob Nicholson and Samuel Stabler.

INJURED AT MAROA.

Chas. R. Banister, a Brakeman on the Van Has a Collar Bone Broken and was Otherwise Injured This Morning

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Charles R. Banister, a brakeman on the Vandalia, was injured this morning at Maroa while unloading a heavy box from a freight car. Mr. Banister was pushing the box along on skids when the skids slipped from the car and the box fell over to the side, knocking him down, breaking his left collar bone at two places and severely bruising his forehead. Dr. McLean of Maroa attended to the injury and dressed it temporarily and he was brought to Decatur on the 9:35 train and taken to his home at 1461 North Clayton street, where Dr. Jones attended him. Mr. Banister will be disabled from his injury for five or six weeks at least.

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The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

A Bloomington paper says that W. R. Lee, near Hartsburg, has four acres of alfalfa which he sowed on fall breaking with timothy in the spring of 1896. He cut it twice that year, and this season cut it in May and again in August, getting about two tons of fine hay each cutting. It is now about 18 inches high, having made that growth almost without rain. He sowed a bushel of seed to the acre. The field has thickened up and this year produced more than it did last year

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The will of the late Dr. W. A. Barnes shows that the at time of his death he was the owner of 640 acres of land, and $1000 in personal property. Three separate quarter sections of land are bequeathed to Albert A. Barnes, the executor, as trustee for three children, and one tract of 160 acres is willed to Dr. Wm. Barnes, as trustee for Albert Barnes. Each child gets the proceeds of the separate 160 acre tract for life, at death to go to the children of the beneficiary. If there are no children, then the land is to go to the surviving children. The will was signed in 1893 and witnessed by O. B. Gorin, Parke Hammer and John H. Goding.

S. S. Darling, of Green Valley, has raised 300 bushels of turnips this year.

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Our 50c Caps sell any place at 75c.
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DRS. APPLEMAN & PRETTYMAN are famous, not so much for their great success in the treatment alone as for the vast number of marvelous cures which they have performed. It is the results which count. Drs. Appleman & Prettyman are graduates of these storehouses of medical learning, the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, and College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City, and on this basis foundation of fundamental education they have builded a mighty reputation as great physicians—the noblest of all professions.

After taking special courses in the greatest hospitals of New York, Philadelphia and Boston, and spending years in practice and research, Drs. Appleman and Prettyman have become the founders of a new, rational and painless treatment for

EYE AND EAR DISEASES,
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Including Dyspepsia, Affection of the Heart, Liver and Kidneys, Hemorrhoids, Diseases of Women, Etc.

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If there is anyone in this world who deserves sympathy and help it is the man who is leading a life of mental and physical misery as a result of the reckless disregard for s of Nature's laws in youth, or too less a sex actions through which he has contracted ailments which are steadily sapping his brain power and perhaps his life. Dr. Appleman's lives.

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Such as Bearing Down Pains, Leucorrhoea, Barrenness, Weak Back, Painful or Suppressed Menstruation, and all other affections of this character promptly cured by Dr. Prettyman's new method. The embarrassing features of local treatment are done away with in this advanced system of doctoring. He treats all

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American Grain in Sharp Demand in the Old Country at Good Prices.

HEAVY EXPORTS OF WHEAT.

The Advance in Prices Makes a Fine Showing for the Week's Business—Demand in the West for Supplies.

New York, Nov. 27.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says today that the heavy exports of wheat, with the renewed advance in price, constitute the most interesting and important features of the week's events Since August, when the extent of the foreign deficiency became realized, exports have been larger than in corresponding weeks of any previous year. The cotton exports also have become very heavy and the outgo of corn falls but little below last year's unprecedented record, while in exports of manufacturing products, especially machinery, all records for the season have been surpassed.

While the aggregate for November last year was over $119,000 000, shipments from New York for three weeks have been slightly smaller, with a fair prospect that the increase in cotton and other products from other ports may make up the deficiency. Meanwhile imports are running behind last year's at New York, nearly $9,000,000 this month, so that another excess of exports over imports, amounting to about $60,000,000 for the month, is probable. This would make an excess of about $325,000,000 in four months.

ANTS AND FLIES.

A Naturalist Proves How They Distribute Yeasts and Molds.

The part played by insects in the distribution of minute vegetable organisms has been made the subject of an interesting investigation by Dr. Amedeo Berlese at the Portici laboratory for agricultural chemistry. That they do perform this task, often a very mischievous one, has long been known, but the professor has proved that, for good or evil, they are more active than had been hitherto ascertained. Ants were the subjects of his first experiments He had frequently detected the cells of two alcoholic yeasts hidden in fissures of the bark on the trunks of both fruit and forest trees. These he suspected to have been transported by the ants, which were constantly traveling up and down the trunks, and it seemed likely that flies might cooperate in the work. First he "put the question" to the ants. He collected a large number of a species which is very common in vineyards. They were allowed access to bunches of grapes which had been carefully sterilized and afterward placed under conditions that prevented the possibility of any introduction of molds or yeasts from the outer air. The result, in less than a fortnight, was that all the bunches which the ants could visit were abundantly infested with yeasts and molds, while several others which had been preserved, even for a much longer time, in sterilized vessels from which the ants were excluded, had neither molds nor yeasts nor bacteria on their surfaces

Dr. Berlese then turned his attention to the flies. His methods of inquisition, we fear, would not be approved by those who share Corp. Toby's view and are merciful even to the horsefly and the bluebottle. In fact, these torments of the human race must have had a decidedly bad time in the laboratory. The first experiment, however, was simple and humane. A number of bits of sterilized meat were set out on a terrace, some of them covered by wire gauze, others accessible to the flies. After two hours' exposure to them and 13 to the air yeasts were found to be much more abundant in the former; indeed, Dr Berlese estimates that the quantity of yeasts conveyed by flies is about 26 times as great as is brought by the air. Similar experiments were made with grapes, and with similar results. The next point to settle was the precise way in which the transport was effected. It was first ascertained that ferments were often more frequent in the bodies of flies than on their legs and feet, next, cells similar to those of yeast were detected in their excreta It remained, then, to study the passage of these cells through the digestive apparatus of the insect. Common bluebottles, or meat flies, were selected for this purpose, and a large number of experiments were made on them; but some other flies and cellar midges were also tested.

It was proved in all cases that when the flies were fed with sterilized material the excreta contained no yeasts; but when they had a diet of pure cultures of sundry yeasts the excreta soon contained in great quantities the yeasts that were in the food. These cells also were not dead, but living. If collected, they duly germinated and developed though the rate of the process and the abundance of the result were found to depend to a considerable extent on the temperature maintained. Further experiments indicated that the cells increased in number in passing through the body of the fly, and the general result of the whole series was to demonstrate that ants and certain flies play an important part not only in the distribution (as was already known), but also in the preservation of and multiplication of alcoholic ferments. Insects, in fact, contribute far more than atmospheric air to the dissemination of yeasts, which are conveyed internally rather than externally. In some cases this distributing agency may be exercised for good, but we suspect it is far more often potent for evil.—Nature.

Small pill, safe pill, best pill. De Witt's Little Early Risers cure biliousness, constipation, sick headache H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

—Miss Edna Johnston of Macon, who has been the guest of friends and attended the Teachers Institute, has returned home.

CHARLES HENRY HAM.

President of the Board of United States General Appraisers.

Charles H. Ham, who was recently appointed president of the board of United States general appraisers by the secretary of the treasury, was born in Canterbury, N. H., on January 22, 1831. He was reared on a farm and received a common school education. His early training was supplemented by the valuable experience of a clerk in a country store and also in a railroad office, all the while, like Macaulay in his boyhood, devouring books in every department of literature during his spare hours During this period of self-education, he

CHARLES HENRY HAM.
(President Board of United States General Appraisers.)

read such books as then constituted the usual course for young law students.

In 1856 the subject of this sketch moved to Chicago, where after some experience in a leading banking house, he resumed the study of the law, and was admitted to the bar in 1860. Hon. Melville W. Fuller, now chief justice of the United States supreme court, was then a shining light of the Chicago bar, and he formed a co-partnership with Mr Ham, which continued for about five years. Mr. Ham developed a pronounced taste and capacity for literary work, and he wrote a great deal for magazines and newspapers, subsequently publishing two or three books of value. His work on manual training, is regarded as a valuable storehouse of classical and statistical knowledge, including practical and philosophical learning. Mr. Ham is the author of the aphorism: "The curse of mankind is the effort to avoid labor."

In 1871 President Grant appointed Mr Ham to the important post of appraiser of the port of Chicago, which he held until Mr. Cleveland's accession to the presidency. Upon retiring from that office he became assistant county treasurer of Cook county. He was appointed a United States general appraiser about seven years ago. Mr. Ham enjoys an uncommon degree of facility and effectiveness as a public speaker and he has freely exercised his power of speech in efforts to promote education

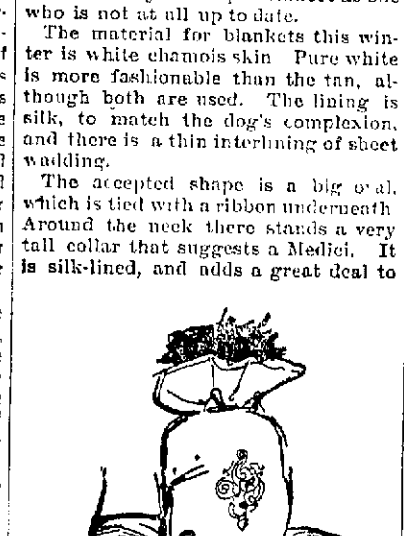
DOG'S WINTER BLANKET.

The Very Latest Paris Style for Little Canine Pets.

In Paris they make fashionable blankets for dogs, just as they make fashionable dresses for women, and the dog that has on last winter's coat is considered by his acquaintances as one who is not at all up to date.

The material for blankets this winter is white chamois skin Pure white is more fashionable than the tan, although both are used. The lining is silk, to match the dog's complexion, and there is a thin interlining of sheet wadding.

The accepted shape is a big oval, which is tied with a ribbon underneath Around the neck there stands a very tall collar that suggests a Medici. It is silk-lined, and adds a great deal to



FIDO S WINTER BLANKET.
(A Poodle Dressed According to the Latest Fashion.)

the stateliness of the occasion. If the dog is highly favored, he has two coats—a thin one for the house and a heavy one for the street If his mistress is very fond of him, she embroiders his initials on the back, where they can be seen, and perhaps she adds her own monogram or the family coat of arms.

Eiderdown from Norway.

The rearing of eider ducks for their down is a novel industry on the Norwegian coast islands, which are owned by private individuals The birds are naturally wild, but, being fed when necessary by the keepers, who also protect them from the ravens and eagles, lost much of their shyness and come at feeding time in great numbers, attended often by a train of gulls and wild ducks of many varieties. The industry is highly profitable.

Indelible Stamping Color.

To make a black stamping color, absolutely fast to washing and to light, for linen, cotton and woolen goods, dissolve five parts of nitrate of silver in ten parts of spirits of salammoniac. Prepare another solution, five parts gum and seven parts soda in 12 parts water. Mix both solutions and heat carefully in a porcelain dish, on a water bath, until the liquid is black. The stamped signs will be visible at once and will become fast when dry.

Sales of Real Estate.

William and Stella Lewis of Forsyth to Mrs. Cynthia A Cox, lot 9 in block 8 in the village of Forsyth; $200.

Rose and Anna Lichtenberger to Robert Aninger, a quit claim deed to a piece of ground in section 11, township 17, range 3; $800.

You can't afford to risk your life by allowing a cold to develop into pneumonia or consumption. Instant relief and a certain cure are afforded by One Minue Cough Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

AFFAIRS ABROAD.

It Appears that Germany and Russia Have a Complete Understanding.

OCCUPATION OF CHINESE TERRITORY

Annexation of Corea by Russia—Ominous Silence—Purpose of the Social Democracy in Austria.

Berlin, Nov. 7.—The persistent silence of the government regarding the intentions of Germany at Kiao-Chou bay. though probably caused by necessities of diplomatic negotiations, are beginning to be regarded with considerable anxiety. It is believed, however, that prior to the occupation by Germany, that the government signified its intention to Russia as a friendly power and that a virtual agreement exists under which Germany may keep Kiao-Chou, while Russia becomes a predominent power in Corea, which is tantamount to annexation

The State Will Not Yield.

Vienna, Nov. 27—The Reichswehr (newspaper) declares that yesterday's uproar in the Reichstrath had no connection with the campaign against the language ordinances, but was due to the action of the international social democracy, which considers that the time has arrived to complete its destructive work against the empire In view of this fact the state cannot yield.

IN CASE OF WAR

The United States Will be Prepared for Business on Short Notice

Washington, Nov. 27.—President McKinley is a firm believer in the doctrine that the best way to preserve peace is to be prepared for war. He desires peace with Spain; therefore, he is making preparations which are calculated to inspire the belief in the minds of the hot-blooded Spaniards that, if they provoke war, they will be inviting their downfall.

This is the explanation of the order which Secretary Long has placed during the past week with the American Ordnance company for ordnance stores. The order was as follows: Ten thousand 6-inch shells, 15,000 1-pounder shells for rapid fire guns, 25,000 armor-piercing shell tips, 80 rapid fire shell guns.

The order for rapid fire shell guns was made to embrace the entire stock which the company had on hand. The order amounts in cash to $265,000, and is the largest placed by the government for ordnance since the war. It is given out by the administration that this order should by no means be construed as an indication that the president is contemplating action that may lead to war, but the session of congress is near at hand, and the probability of agitation which may lead to a rupture with Spain is recognized by the administration. If war comes the president intends that the United States shall be in a condition to conduct it in a manner befitting its greatness

Married in Missouri.

At the Catholic church, this city, at 7 o'clock this morning will occur the marriage of Miss Isabelo Ridge to Mr. James E. Behen of Decatur, Ill. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Father Sullivan. The attendants will be Miss Rose O'Daniel of Hunnewell and Mr John J. Behen of St. Louis and the wedding march will be played by Miss Rose Washburn. The bride elect is a most loveable lady of rare culture and refinement. Mr. Behen is a gentleman of splendid social satnding and business qualifications. The happy couple will leave on the "dude" for Monroe and after a short visit there will go to Leavenworth, Kan., to visit relatives On their return they will reside at Decatur —Shelbina (Mo.) Democrat

Mr. Behen who is manager of the gentlemen's furnishing goods department at Linn & Scruggs' is a young man of excellent business qualifications, with many friends in Decatur who will be glad to know that himself and bride returned this morning and will receive congratulatory visits at 826 West Wood street

Again in Jail.
From the Daily of Saturday.

At the habeas corpus hearing this afternoon Judge Vail discharged Curtis and Fletcher very soon after the case was called. He did so on the ground that there was not sufficient information filed against them to hold them in jail. Their period of liberty was of exceedingly short duration. In fact just the time it took Deputy Sam Holmes to go to the sheriff's office and get two warrants charging them with gaming. They were remanded to jail. Curtis and Fletcher are way long in the art of the fleece game. They came to Decatur with the crew of negroes who worked on the asphalt job and weekly relieved the workingmen of their coin. It is said that they have dice without the "7" a fact which will be appreciated by those who know the crap game.

How to Prevent a Cold.

After an exposure, or when you feel a cold coming on, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar. It never fails. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Tried to Kill His Wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simon, formerly of Decatur, were in a bloody fight at Springfield last night, and now Simon is in jail on a charge of attempting to kill his wife The woman is in a hospital with a deep cut across her forehead and face. She will recover. Springfield police say they will drive the couple out of the town.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Kidney Trouble and its Effects

THE WORD OF AN OLD GENTLEMAN OF MATTOON, ILL.

From the Commercial, Mattoon, Ill.

Mr. William J. Winningham is a well-known and venerable gardener of Mattoon, Illinois. Seventy five years ago Mr. Winingham was born in Ashboro, North Carolina, where he resided until 1866, when he removed to his present residence.

When only thirty-one years of age the old gardener says he began to be afflicted with nervousness and cramps, which in later years developed into urinary, or perhaps kidney trouble of so violent a character that it was no uncommon thing for him to void a gallon in a night, exudation through the pores being absolutely unknown. To a reporter, who visited the old gentleman, on hearing of his restoration to health after so many years of suffering, he made the following statement:

"I suffered for all those long years with intense pain in the back, nervousness and from the passing of large quantities of water. This was undoubtedly a form of diabetes, and so described by my physicians of whom I had many. Strychnine and nitre and many other remedies were tried, as well as change of climate, but nothing did me any good I was so horribly nervous that I could not lift a drinking vessel to my mouth if there was not a handle attached to it. A great part of the time I was confined to bed. The commencement of the disease was in 1846, when I had a bad attack of 'Southern fever' in North Carolina.

"About three years ago I read an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and thought I would try them, as they might do me good. I soon began to get relief, and by the time I had taken eight boxes I was virtually cured. Now my nervousness has left me, the flow of water is normal, and the pores of my skin perform their duty as well as when I was a boy, and I perspire as freely as any one.

"I have recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People to a number of people, and have heard from many of them that they have been greatly benefited I shall always continue to speak in their praise whenever I have an opportunity, for I recognize that their effect upon me was little short of miraculous

(Signed) WM. J. WINNINGHAM."
Witness: WILLIAM TAYLOR.

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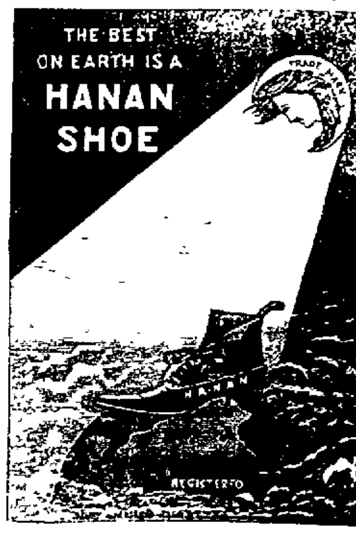

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DECATUR, ILL.

A KIDNEY DISEASE.

Given Up by Four Doctors.

Beaver Dam, O., Aug. 27, 1895.

My daughter, after being treated by four doctors, and given up for lost, a neighbor recommended Foley's Kidney Cure. Today she is able to walk several miles without fatigue. I feel we would have lost her if it was not for your medicine. Respectfully, Mrs. J. M. Bailey. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Leo Free e, of Ogden, husked by scale weight 104½ bushels of corn from 5 o'clock a. m. till 4:45 p. m. with 30 minutes for dinner.

A Queer(?) Medicine.

There is a Medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient that is a cure all. This honest Medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

R. J. Gillespie has purchased of Morgan Hixenbaugh 80 acres of land near Ogden for $900.

Charles, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Zorser, of Weldon, is now practicing medicine at Silver City, N. M.

Weekly Republican.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1897.

LOCAL NEWS.

There are 24 prisoners in the county jail.

The DeWitt County Farmers' Institute is to meet January 18, 19 and 20.

Ogden is now connected with all the large cities by a long distance telephone.

Rev. W. F. Gillmore has been assisting at the Methodist revivals at Argenta.

J. W. Baker has departed for Gladstone, Henderson county, where he will engage in farming pursuits.

In the push at the football game Thursday, Ernest Haley, a boy, had one of his arms fractured. He was given attention by Dr. Randall.

Dr. Thomas, at Argenta, is making arrangements to put in a new lighting plant for his office and drug store. It will cost $75. He will use acetyline gas.

Wilbur Dawson, night ticket seller for the Illinois Central at the depot, has resigned and has been succeeded by Ed Skinner, who has returned from Chicago.

You can't cure consumption but you can avoid it and cure every other form of throat or lung trouble by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Miss Clara Shasteen entertained a party of friends at her home at Riverside on Thursday evening in honor of Miss Emma Kreiger, who will leave soon for Chicago, where she will take a course in the Chicago Surgical Institute. Miss Bertha Gray also entertained last evening, giving a farewell reception for Miss Kreiger.

A pumpkin seed guessing contest came off at the Jenison jewelry store Thanksgiving day. The pumpkin had 551 seeds in it and the nearest guess was 550. Three people were nearest that number, two on 553 and one on 555. The prizes will have to be divided.

WARNING—Persons who suffer from coughs and colds should heed the warnings of danger and save themselves suffering and fatal results by using One Minute Cough Cure. It is an infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The funeral of Otto G. Girnt was held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the residence of his brother-in-law, J. H. Knapp, 740 East Herkimer street. The funeral was strictly private, in accordance with the recent ruling of the board of health, the young man having died of typhoid fever. The interment was at Greenwood.

Verdict for $1750.

Mrs. Belle Harvey, of Decatur, in her damage case against the Penwell coal company, on trial in the circuit court at Taylorville on Friday, secured a verdict for $1750. Her husband, Albert Harvey, was killed in the coal mine at Pana. Mrs. Harvey had sued for $5000.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Barnes, of Walnut Grove addition, Thanksgiving day, a daughter.

To Mr and Mrs John W. Stough, 547 East Gault street, November 25, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tony Abel, 239 East Marietta street, November 26, a daughter

To Attorney and Mrs A. G. Webber, November 27, a daughter.

Sales of Real Estate

Spencer, Lehman & Co. to Frank Lehman, lots 10, 11, 14 and 15 in block 9 of Blue Mound; $1.

H. B. Harrison to J. C. Rose, north half lot 4 in block 7 of Blue Mound; $450

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Jeremiah M. Oakes to Laura A. Oakes, lots 22, 23 and 24 of Walter's addition to Maroa; $1200

Ruth S. Peoples to Fannie Perry, lots 1 and 2 in block 3 of Syndicate addition, $1.

T. T. Springer to Commodore Perry, lot 15 in block 5 of Crowder & Cornthwait's addition; $450.

Close of the Institute.

From the Daily of Saturday.

The county institute which has been in session at the High school for two days closed this morning after having been very successful in everything undertaken. Owing to the length of the program this morning it was found necessary to leave off the last number "Civics, Wealth and Money" by Wayne Williams of the Boiling Springs school. A pleasant feature of the morning's work was the work by the class in reading and phonics from the Wood street school under Miss Ida Hookingberry. F. W. Westhoff, teacher of music outlined the work for December and made an interesting talk. Miss Eveline Cutler outlined the drawing work for December and made a short talk.

The Corn Trade.

James S. Wiley, traveling grain buyer for Pratt & Co., is home from a trip through Missouri and Illinois, where he has been buying grain for milling purposes. Mr. Wiley says that the farmers are offering but little corn for any market and that they are loath to sell at present prices though they are good. There is not much old corn in Missouri and the new corn on both sides of the river is being cribbed. This same condition of the corn market is reported by the mills and elevators. It is a bit surprising and is a condition of affairs not expected. The roads have been better the past 30 days than they are likely to be for a long time to come and if there is to be a disposition on the part of the farmers to unload their old corn it will have to come before this.

A Flag of Warning.

Beware of the dry, tickling, hacking, morning cough, for it warns you that consumption lurks near. The famous Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will cure it. "I had a very bad cough. One doctor pronounced it consumption. I used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and was completely cured; the cough left me and has never come back. Simon Smasal, 375 31st Street, Chicago, Ills." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup costs but 25 cents. Ask for Bull's, take only Bull's.

MR. EVANS' LECTURE

President of the Bushnell Normal School Heard on Highest Ideals.

AT THE DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Institute Held by Superintendent Keller—Large Attendance of County Teachers and Pupils.

From the Daily of Friday.

The Thanksgiving Institute for Macon county teachers convened this morning at 10:30 at the High school building

Professor Westhoff, with a class of about 40, gave an exercise on music as an opening. He gave an exhibition of methods of instruction in music, and did not try to exhibit the proficiency of the children. His part of the program was well received.

At 11 o'clock County Superintendent Keller introduced Prof. W. M. Evans, president of the Bushnell Normal, who talked for over an hour and held the entire attention of the audience. His subject was "A Plea for the Highest Ideals in School Work." He said in part:

"The one thought that lies nearest my heart is the ideals found among boys and girls. We are apt to lose sight of such because our time is largely taken up with other things. I am impressed more and more with the thought that so many people have wrong tendencies in life because they were allowed to form and retain wrong ideals during their school life Ideals are chosen by nearly all from what they most desire and what they often cannot get. We have environments which influence us in the choice of ideals. Among these objective incentives are climatic influence, occupation, government, association and wealth. As subjective incentives on his line the hungry child would say the best thing in the world would be something to eat The hungry laborer would make the same answer. The old man would say that good appetite and good digestion were the best things in the world After elementary satisfaction the child says play is best; when more advanced in childhood to be big is his desire. The man, too, many times, has no purpose or desire but is 'waiting for something to turn up.' Drummond's 'the best thing' in the world is love. It is the pole star that hovers over the Haven of Rest."

His lecture was well received. The professor occupies a very warm place in the hearts of the Macon county teachers and his lecture this morning certainly added to their admiration of him.

There is an unusual attendance at the institute and it promises to be one of the best Holiday meetings ever held in the county.

This was the program for this afternoon: Music—Ladies' High School Quartet. "Methods of Teaching Speer's Arithmetic," by W. W. Speer, author of the work. "Reading as Taught by the Phonic Method—Mrs. A. M. Hunter, of the Chicago schools.

MEMORIAL HALL FUND.

The Treasurer Will at Once Restore to All Contributors Cash on Hand.

The following is a copy of a self explanatory circular letter to be issued at once to all persons who have subscribed to the fund intended to be used toward the erection of the proposed National Memorial hall in Decatur, the birthplace of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade:—You are probably aware that the proposed National Memorial Hall, to be situated at Decatur, Ill., is a failure. At one time there was no doubt of its success, but an order issued just previous to the silver anniversary night (April 6, 1891) by the commander-in-chief that "no collection for any purpose shall be taken on silver anniversary evening." This when all the posts in the United States were by previous order to meet for that purpose and the celebration of the 25th anniversary, was its death blow. The committee know that very large sums had been subscribed and it is more than probable that very much more would have been. The board of directors may have erred in not dropping the matter then, but having the assurance of so many and knowing that collections for a large amount had been subscribed, voted to try it again, and the work and expense of sending printed matter to the 7000 posts in the country and to thousands of prominent Grand Army men was again gone through with. This work and expense to collect about $5000 was as much as would have collected the entire amount required. The total amount of collections are $5022 55. The total amount of disbursements are $3716.15. Leaving balance on hand, $1306.40.

The amount of interest allowed by J. Millikin & Co is $219 58. Leaving a net balance on hand of $1525 98

At a full meeting of the executive board in May last my account of receipts and expenditures, with vouchers for same were fully and carefully examined and found correct. During the year 1896 I forwarded to the adjutant general at national headquarters, an itemized account of receipts and disbursements. At the national encampment at St. Paul, September, 1896, the account was referred to the council of administration, who, after deliberation, decided and we were instructed to forward the balance of fund to national headquarters, to be used as a special fund at a fall meeting of our executive board Later it was unanimously resolved that we would prefer to and would return the amounts to the donors, pro rata The amount to return is small but we all felt that whatever it might be it rightfully belonged to those who subscribed it. We at once so advised the assistant adjutant general, who answered that it would be brought up at the national encampment at Buffalo, this year. Up to this date, not having been advised of adverse action, we have decided to at once disburse.

I enclose to you check for $——, which is 30 2-5 per cent of the amount of your subscription. I am fraternally,

F. L. Hays, Treasurer.

SHADE AND VAN GUNDY.

Elected Directors of the Citizens' Mutual Telephone Company.

The annual business meeting of the Citizens' Mutual Telephone company was held Wednesday night at the office of the company in the Arcade building A majority of the stock was represented. Stock held by Saginaw, Mich., Hopkins people, was not in evidence.

W. P. Shade and John Van Gundy were elected directors to serve for the next two years. Mr. Shade succeeds himself and Mr. Van Gundy succeeds Dr. J. G. Harvey. Mr. Van Gundy is a man of long years of active business experience and is a man who has accumulated a small fortune by his business sagacity. He has been in the grain business for a good many years and moved to Decatur from Macon about three years ago.

The directorate is made up as follows: C. S. Hankins, G. W Scovill, W. P. Shade, John Van Gundy, H. M. Whitmer, A. F. Hopkins, Miss A. Marie Macpherson.

Miss Macpherson, secretary of the company, submited her annual report. The report shows that the net profit for the year has been 6 per cent on the original investment of $32,000, or 20 cents per share on the entire amount of stock issue, 7176 shares The company now has 578 working telephones and 85 orders, which will be filled as fast as the apparatus arrives. While there were but few stockholders present last night they represented 3774 shares of stock.

The company now have 578 'phones in use in Decatur, and are daily adding to the list of subscribers. One hundred or more instruments will be in place in a short time. The company has ordered 6000 feet of the best cable to be had. Part of the order has already been received The stockholders are very well satisfied with the present condition of affairs and say that the service of the system will be second to none.

LOOKING FOR A ROBBER.

Decatur Officers Notified of Poland's Thievery in the Vicinity of Niantic.

From the Daily of Friday.

Walter Poland quit the neighborhood of Niantic at an early hour this morning, carrying away with him the property of other men. He rode a small bay pony which he stole, he wore a dark ulster which he got in the same fashion; he carried a gold watch which he got by the deftness of his long fingers and in his pocket he had $50 in money. He separated farmer W. E. Batchelder from this.

This is the story which came to police headquarters this morning by telephone from Niantic. The farmer who has sustained the loss is under the opinion that the thief will come here and expects the police to land him if he does. Poland wandered into Niantic a month ago and looked strong enough to do a good day's work. On this account he attracted the eye of Farmer Batchelder, who was in need of a man to shuck corn. He engaged his services and the man proved to be a good worker. Early yesterday morning he gave Poland a check on a Warrensburg bank and the man went there to get it cashed. He returned home in time for turkey and retired with the family at the usual hour. This morning he was gone with the property mentioned. He may have come to Decatur to sell the pony, but if so, it was a bad move. Poland is described as being a small man, about 25 years old, with dark hair and mustache

GRANTED THE WRIT.

Writ of Supersedeas Obtained for Appleton.

Danville News: Isaac R. Mills, of Decatur, and Charles G. Eckhart, of Tuscola, attorneys, were in the city yesterday and obtained form Judge Wilkin a writ of supersedeas for Appleton, who was convicted of murder a few days ago in the Douglas circuit court. Appleton was taken to Chester by the sheriff on yesterday, but a telegram notified him of the granting of the writ before the arrival of Appleton. Application for bail will probably now be made in his case.

The Death Record.

Samuel R. Miller died at 4 p. m., Friday, November 26, at the family residence, 1045 North Clinton street, after a short illness. He had been sick only since last Sunday, and his death was caused by softening of the brain. His age was 65 years, one month and 21 days. Mr. Miller was born in New county, Pa., and came to Illinois quite early in life. He settled on a farm near Decatur, and for 40 years he had resided in or near the city. He is survived by an aged wife and six children, William, Frank, Charles and Louis, Mrs. J. L. Brown and Miss Minnie Miller, all residents of Macon county. Mr. Miller was well known and was held in high esteem by all.

The funeral of Ruth Marie Travis, aged two years and three months, was held today from the family residence, 1755 North Monroe street. Burial at Greenwood.

Home Wedding.

Edward Girard and Miss Rose E. Cochran, daughter of James H. Cochran, were married Thursday (November 25) by Rev J. T. Finley at the home of the bride's parents on East Cerro Gordo street. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bryerton. A splendid wedding repast was served to a company of about 25 guests.

May Go to Kansas.

The Rev. F. N. Atkin, present rector of St John's church, will go to Leavenworth, Kan., to take charge of the Episcopal church at that flourishing western city. Rev. Atkin some time ago decided that he would leave Decatur. He regards the Kansas climate more favorable than that of Illinois.

THE DAY OF THANKS

Union Religious Services—A Fine Address and Good Music by the Big Choir.

COLLECTION TAKEN FOR THE POOR

Gloomy Weather and Rain—Splendid Dinners at the Hotels and Many Family Reunions—"1492" Twice at the Grand.

From the Daily of Friday.

Thursday was Thanksgiving day, but while the people generally were no doubt grateful for many blessings, they had no cause to be thankful for the weather, for it was anything but pleasant—foggy, rainy and altogether disagreeable.

The usual union religious services were held at 11 a. m the people assembling this year in large numbers at the First M. E. church. The entire program as published in the Republican was carried out in a very praiseworthy manner. A large audience was present. The large chorus choir directed by S. M. Lutz rendered the splendid music in capital style. It was truly a Thanksgiving praise service. Much praise was given the singers.

In the absence of Rev. Frost Craft, who was called away because of the illness of his sister at Minneapolis, Minn., Rev W. C. Miller of the Congregational church, presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. Marion Stevenson, of the Edward Street Christian church, and Rev. J. Bernard of the Church of God, and Rev. W. F. Gillmore of Grace M E. church announced the hymns. The 17th chapter of St. Luke was read by Rev. F. C. Oberly, of the English Lutheran church. An fervent prayer was offered by Rev. W H. Penhallegon of the Presbyterian church.

The Address.

Rev. M. B. Spayd, of the United Brethren church, was presented by Rev. W. C. Miller to deliver the annual address. It was based on the first five verses of the 103d Psalm, and Rev. Mr. Spayd built upon it a powerful sermon, which was accorded close attention. Mr. Spayd said in part: Who is there among us who has not been exposed to dangers, seen and unseen, to disease and death. It was not on account of any cleverness on our own part that we did not suffer from serious accidents, that our families were kept from harm and ill The same God who delivered Daniel from the lion, opened the prison doors for Peter, has been our guardian and protector and we should bless him for "redeeming us from destruction." No man is ever satisfied but a believer. Many a worldling is satiated but is not satisfied. God's satisfies the very soul of man, his noblest part, his glory. Soul satisfaction loudly calls for soul praise. They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They do not drag out a wretched starvelling existence, but are like the eagle with new plumage, like the trees full of sap, which bears luxuriant foliage. The bread of heaven is fed upon when the molars fail, and the voice of the spirit in the soul is still melodious when the daughters of music are brought low. God does not stint his poor servants and diminish their consolations when their infirmities grow upon them. Rather does he see to it that they renew their strength in him. Paul does not excite our pity but invites our sympathetic gratitude. However feeble the outward man may be, the inner man is so renewed day by day that we may well envy perennial peace. * * * The psalm of thanksgiving teaches us that true thanksgiving can be only within the sphere of God's accepted sovereignty. The foundation of our individual thanksgiving is that God is our king, that we are not only his subjects but sons and heirs of Him who has all power in heaven and earth. And thus we can understand why the psalmist rounds his thanksgiving with this magnificent description of the dominion. "The Lord has prepared his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearken unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, oh my soul Amen."

The collection for the poor was much larger than in former years The pastor's union will distribute the fund.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev A. W. Hawkins, of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

At the Hotels.

There was an exceptionally fine Thanksgiving feast at the St. Nicholas hotel. Every table in the large dining hall was occupied. Several family parties were seated at the tables. The spread was complete and the service excellent

All of the Decatur hotels had dinners of special excellence, as did also the restaurants.

Family Reunions.

Mrs. E. B. Pratt had all of her sons but one with her at her home on North Church street. F M. Pratt, Decatur; R E Pratt, Chicago, and Riley Pratt, of Buffalo, N. Y., were present at the New England turkey dinner. M. B. Pratt, of Omaha, Neb., could not come this year.

Rev and Mrs. Davis, of North College street, had a turkey dinner and family reunion I. J. Davis, Chicago; Edward Davis, Springfield; J. F. Davis, Newt Davis George Davis, all of Decatur, and a son from Springfield, Mo., were at the feast.

W F. Busher held a family reunion yesterday at his home on West Macon street. His three daughters, their husbands and families were present They are Mrs. George P. Zeiss, Mrs Charles Shuck of Springfield and Mrs. W P. Shade. A Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed by the relatives and all spent the day pleasantly together.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wells entertained a few friends and relatives at dinner yesterday, among them being Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Roberts and family, Colonel and Mrs. F. P. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Jack and sons, Frank, Edgar, T. B and Cecil Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Starr, at their home in Riverside, entertained a small company of friends and relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Starr, Baldwin, Charles, Willie, Ada and Marie Starr and Misses Mae and Rose Blalock, of Washington, D. C.

A family dinner party was given at the home of J. W. Race, at the corner of West Main and Edward strets. The company included Mr. and Mrs J. W. Race, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Thomas, L. L. Race and Will S. Ennis.

There was a family dinner party at the home of Ald. and Mrs. R. R. Montgomery.

Mrs. E. P. Johnson entertained her three brothers at dinner yesterday. They are E. E. Souther, of St. Louis; George H. and Latham Souther, of Springfield. E. E. Souther was accompanied by his wife and George H. Souther by his wife and daughters, Lucy and Elizabeth. The occasion partook of the nature of a family reunion and was thoroughly enjoyed.

There was a fine turkey spread at the county jail for the prisoners, and special thanks were extended Sheriff Nicholson.

The Misses Nicholls entertained friends at a 6 o'clock dinner Thanksgiving at their home on North Main street

There were two excellent performances at the Grand yesterday. "1492" was the splendid attraction presented by Manager Given.

PECK—GEBHART.

Happy Marriage at the Home of Ald. and Mrs. Gebhart.

Thanksgiving night (November 25) the marriage of Laban C. Peck and Miss Bessie Gebhart, was joyously celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Alderman and Mrs. A. F Gebhart, on North Water street. It was a very pretty home affair and was witnessed by a number of friends and relatives of the young couple. The ceremony was performed at 7:30 in the parlor of the handsome home and the couple stood in front of a bank of flowers, the colors being white and lavender The couple were unattended. The ceremony was performed by Rev M B. Spayd of the U. B. church. After the couple had received the hearty congratulations of their friends they repaired to the supper room, where a wedding supper was served. In the dining rooms the tables were handsomely decorated with lavender and white ribbons and violets and chrysanthemums The supper was a delicious one served in four courses. There were a number of handsome presents, both useful and ornamental.

The bride was handsome in a gown of cream satin with pearl ornaments and natural flowers Mr. and Mrs. Peck dispensed with the wedding tour and will make their home for the present with the groom's mother on East Bradford street. Mr. Peck is the proprietor of the grocery in the 1000 block on North Water street and has a large number of friends all over the city.

Those present at the wedding from out of the city were Mrs. F. W. Williams, of Bolivar, Ill., sister of the bride, and Charles Souders, of Peoria.

By Justice Shorb at his office, November 24, Charles L. Goodman, of Decatur, and Miss Mary Eaton, of Champaign.

At Springfield, on November 23, by Rev T D Logan, Edward Welch, mail carrier, and Miss Nora B. May, both of Decatur.

By Justice O'Mara, at the county clerk's office, November 25, Dallas Gasaway and Miss Charlotte Leish, both of Latham

At the county clerk's office, by Justice O'Mara, November 25, John F. Sefton and Miss Lillie Deebring, both of Shobonier, Ill.

At Blue Mound, November 24, at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs Jacob Waltz, by Rev. E. A. Wanless, Elmer E Baldridge, of Stonington, and Miss Lillie Showalter, of Blue Mound.

Thanksgiving eve (November 24) Mrs Marcella Kazar and Norman Gouker, both of Decatur, were united in marriage at Taylorville by the Rev S. H. Bowyer, pastor of the Baptist church. They arrived in Decatur the same evening, and will soon begin housekeeping. Mr Gouker is a salesman at the Danzeisen meat market, and the bride is a lady who has hosts of friends in the community.

Wabash Not Guilty.

The jury in the $10,000 damage case of Willis Johnson, Sr, against the Wabash Railroad company, brought in a verdict of not guilty, and so Mr. Johnson goes without a penny. The jury came to the conclusion that had Mr Johnson exercised proper care he would not have been struck by the train. The old gentleman, however, is deaf, and he did not hear the train. He did not see the train until too late to escape being struck by a side beam of the locomotive. As a result he is now partly paralyzed

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MESSAGE IS READY.

Statesmen Meet President McKinley and Discuss Legislation in the Next Congress.

HARMONIOUS ACTION IS EXPECTED

Investigation of the Working of the Civil Service Law to be Resumed—Our Naval Plans—Keifer on Nebraska.

Washington, Nov 29.—(From Our Regular Correspondent)—Republican conferences are the order of the day, as senators and representatives arrive in Washington. President McKinley, having finished his annual message to congress and got it into the hands of the printers, is devoting a considerable portion of his time to conferring with prominent members of the party as to the legislation of the session. He is particularly anxious that whatever party measures are brought before congress shall have the united support of Republicans, and he is losing no opportunity to impress that idea upon those with whom he talks. While not expecting that all his recommendations, financial or otherwise, will be favorably acted upon by congress, he believes that by good management, some of them can be put through. There are reasons for the belief that a sufficient number of senators will under certain circumstances vote with the Republicans in the senate to pass several bills that will greatly strengthen the administration and benefit the country. It is not deemed expedient to specify these measures at this time, but just wait and see if the president does not justify his reputation as a harmonizer.

It is refreshing after reading the numerous jingo schemes advanced just now to find the following sensible language in the annual report of the secretary of the navy: "Additions to our fleet may be hereafter necessary to bring it up, in case of an emergency, to an extent commensurate with the growing necessities of the country, especially in view of the development of Alaska, which is a continent in itself, and of the possible annexation of islands in the Pacific. On the other hand, it is a mistake not to recognize that our naval power has more than doubled within the last few years, that the case of any emergency beyond our present resources is the very rare case; that until it comes ships will be gradually taken out of commission and put into reserve in order to reduce running expenses; and that a due regard is necessary to the relation of the national expenditures to the national revenues. The department therefore recommends that the authorization of new ships by the coming congress be limited to one battleship for the Pacific coast, where, after the five now under construction, are completed, there will be only two, while on the Atlantic there will be seven and also to a few torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, both of which are comparatively of little cost, and more of which are desirable in order to bring this swift, mobile and handily effective arm of the service up to its place in the general s home for coast defense."

Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, chairman of the committee that is, under a senate resolution, investigating the workings of the civil service law, says the committee will resume work during the first week of the session of congress, paying particular attention to the internal revenue service, and that its report will probably be submitted to the senate early in January. Senator Pritchard will not attempt to say what the report of the committee will be, further than that he thinks it will probably recommend modification of existing rules, but his personal opinions, which he freely gives, are believed to be about what are held by a majority of the committee, and probably are in line with the report that will be made. He said: "A too broad extension of the civil service law is calculated to weight it down and render it unpopular, thereby endangering its continuance. A good principle to adopt would be that a scholastic examination is proper to determine the fitness of persons for clerical positions, but such a test is not suitable to determine the fitness of a man to fill a position where the duties are executive. The idea that the law is a sort of blanket to cover everything is very unpopular."

Ex-Speaker Keifer of Ohio, is renewing old acquaintances in Washington. He says he isn't in active politics, but tries to know what is going on. Of Ohio matters he says: "Senator Hanna will be elected, if he lives, no possible combination can be made to beat him," and of the silver question: "It is a very effete question in my section. It is seldom that you hear any mention of the subject in Ohio, and out in Nebraska, where I visit my oldest son occasionally, I observe that there is really but little interest taken in the 16 to 1 idea. It is true that the Republicans were beaten this year in Nebraska, but it was merely a rebuke administered by the voters on account of the conduct of former Republican state officials. However, you will see Nebraska getting back into the Republican column and the same will be true of Kansas, where the furore over free silver has, I think, permanently abated."

Changed His Creed.

Champaign, Ill., Nov. 30.—At Rantoul this county, Sunday, Rev. John De Coux, pastor of the Congregational church there, preached a farewell sermon and tendered his resignation. He has experienced a change in his religious faith and will be confirmed a member of the Episcopal church when Bishop George F. Seymour next visits Rantoul. It is his purpose to take a further course of theological study and enter the Episcopal ministry.

CULLOM AND LITTLER.

One or the Other will be Inter-State Commerce Commissioner.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The coming vacancy on the interstate commerce commission is the subject of much discussion among the Illinoisans. Friends of Senator Cullom have urged him to accept it. An assurance has been given by the holdover commissioners that if the senator will accept he shall be at once elected chairman of the body. It is being urged that as the father of the commission and of the law, his appointment will possess peculiar fitness. Thus far the senator stands out against the proposition. He says that he has committed himself to David T. Littler, and that he is going to do all he can for Mr. Littler's appointment. The senator has written to the president on the subject and is going to call as soon as he is able to get out.

In pressing his claim to the privilege of naming the successor to Colonel Morrison, Senator Cullom will rehearse a little history. He will tell the president that when the law passed Mr Cleveland voluntarily promised that he should name an Illinois Republican for one of the places, declaring that was entirely proper because of his relations to the passage of the law. Subsequently Mr. Cleveland sent for Mr. Cullom and told him that he felt he must appoint Col. William R. Morrison, but could not give two places to Illinois. Senator Cullom released Mr. Cleveland from any obligation he might feel, telling him that "Morrison was a good fellow." At the end of Colonel Morrison's first term the Republicans had all of the representation on the commission that the law allowed. The senator acquiesced in Colonel Morrison's reappointment, saying that, as the commissioner must be a Democrat, he preferred Morrison.

Now, however, the senator feels that his time has come to exercise a voice in the succession. He will tell all of this to the president and ask for the appointment of the man he would have recommended 10 and six years, ago if he had had the opportunity. That man is Mr. Littler. There is no doubt of Senator Cullom's firm intention to obtain the place for Mr. Littler if possible. It is said, however, that the president's personal friends in Illinois will oppose Mr. Littler, and that the president will decline to appoint him, and will urge the senator to accept. It is by no means certain that in the end the senator will not consent to be the chairman of the commission.

Details of the Pana Murder.

Pana, Ill., Nov 30.—Jesse McAdams, a drayman, shot and killed his neighbor, Frank Radamacher, a prominent coal miner yesterday. The men met in front of Condon's saloon and after some words, McAdams drew a revolver and fired one shot. Radamacher walked 30 feet down an alley and fell dead without uttering a word. Shoving his revolver into his pocket, McAdams walked across the street, where his team was standing. While in the act of mounting his dray Chief Kilov put him under arrest. Trouble had been brewing between the two men for several months, and when they met Radamacher demanded that McAdams pay him $1.65, which McAdams claimed he did not owe. A few ugly words were exchanged, and McAdams then fired. McAdams was quickly placed in jail, and shortly afterward was driven across country to Taylorville, as it became evident that he might fall a victim to mob violence if he was not got out of town before the thousand or more miner friends of Radamacher were hoisted from the mines for the night. Radamacher was a prominent Democrat, and made the race for collector two years ago. While in jail McAdams said he had only done what he had promised he would do, and that he was not sorry in the least.

HOME FROM THE HUNT.

Return of Members of the Macon County Hunting Club.

This morning at 1 o'clock the members of the Macon County Hunting club arrived home from DeWitt, Arkansas, after an absence of just a month. In the party were Captain Milton Knapp, of Greenwood, Ind.; Harry Midkiff, S D. May, W. T. Hott, A. T. Summers of Decatur; M. A. Harbert, Macon; J P. Faris, Arthur Pritchett and Bert Faris of Niantic. Powell was cook. There was a great abundance of all kinds of game and fishing was so good that in one day the anglers had to bury 200 pounds of fish. The weather was hot. Four deer were killed and also lots of geese, ducks and squirrels. It was the eighth annual trip for the party.

Preacher Given a Hearing.

Bloomington, Ill, Dec. 1.—A committee of Methodist ministers, comprising several of the oldest men in the conference, is in session at Grace Methodist Episcopal church in this city. The meeting is to have a preliminary hearing of matters concerning Rev. J. B. Wolfe, presiding elder of this district.

On account of the many things made public as to Rev. Mr Wolfe's administration as trustee of the soldiers' orphans' home at Normal, the matter was brought to the official notice of the conference, and according to the rules of the church the committee met to see if there were any grounds for action.

Mr. Wolfe appeared before the committee and presented his side of the case and all matters under consideration were brought out by questions and answers. The work of the conference is not yet completed.

The Hayti Episode.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The German government has abandoned its intention of sending the warship Genon to Port au Prince, Hayti, to enforce the demands for the payment of indemnity to Herr Emil Lueders for alleged false imprisonment. The Genon, instead will be sent to re-enforce the German fleet in the Chinese waters. Baron Von Bulow, the German minister for foreign affairs has given the United States ambassador, Mr A D White a wholly satisfactory explanation of Germany's intention toward Hayti.

UNCLE SAM ABROAD.

Minister Angell Renews the Demands of the United States to the Porte.

PILLAGE OF AMERICAN MISSIONS

By Turkish Troops Must be Made Good—Ambassador White at Berlin at Work on the Haytian Indemnity.

Constantinople, Dec. 1.—United States Minister Angell has renewed the demand of the United States for indemnity from the Turkish government for the pillage of American missions in Armenia. The porte denies responsibility for the pillage on the ground that the government acted under stress of unavoidable circumstances. Minister Angell, however, insists upon the government's responsibility as Turkish troops and gendarmes participated in the outrages.

Germany Comes Down.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—United States Ambassador White, in yesterday's interview with the German minister for foreign affairs, received assurances couched in friendly terms of Germany's moderate intentions in regard to the demand for indemnity from Hayti and the assurance of Germany's good will and respect for American susceptibility, which caused Germany to reduce the claim for indemnity to $20,000.

Ship Sent to Hayti.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The North German Gazette announces semi-officially that the dispatch of the United States cruiser Marblehead to Port au Prince, Hayti, has no significance as a demonstration, adding that the United States caused it to be intimated here that the object in sending the warship to Hayti was exclusively for the protection of American interests.

Rioting.

Prague, Bohemia, Dec. 1.—There was a renewal of rioting last evening. The windows of the German theatre, German schools, residences and newspaper offices were broken. The troops cleared the streets. Many were injured.

Still Fighting.

Madrid, Dec. 1.—An official dispatch from Manilla, Philippine Islands, states that the Spanish troops have routed a band of insurgents, killing 57, including the leader. The Spanish lost six killed and 71 wounded

THE CABINET AND KLONDIKE.

Miners in Distress Must Wait Until Congress Meets—The Lovering Case.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The cabinet today gave further earnest consideration to the question of sending relief to the miners in the Klondike. It was finally decided that nothing could be done until congress assembles, when an appropriation will be asked for the purpose of transporting supplies.

Secretary Alger submitted and the cabinet considered the finding of the court martial in the case of Captain Lovering, for the cruel treatment of Private Hammond at Fort Sheridan. The verdict rendered finds him guilty and sentences him to be reprimanded by the secretary of war. The sentence will doubtless be carried out.

The Berlin German minister of foreign affairs today gave the United States minister a wholly satisfactory explanation of Germany's intention toward Hayti. It has been decided, instead of sending the warship Gefion to Hayti to send her to reinforce the fleet in Chinese waters.

Big Prices for Horses.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 1.—At the sales of thoroughbreds today, Bramble, the famous sire of Clifford, Ben Brush, etc., was sold to Clay and Woodford, of Paris, Ky., for $3700. He is 22 years old. Pat Dunn of Chicago bought a weanling by Bramble, dam Lady Wayward, for $5100. Charles Fleschman, Cincinnati, paid $2800, for a weanling by Kingston, dam Lithie L.; also $3100 for a weanling by Bramble, dam North Annie. John E. Madden of Lexington paid $3700 for a weanling by Bramble dam charity. The sale is the most phenomenal held here in years.

Wages Advance 20 Per Cent.

Providence R. I., Dec 1.—The era of good times has at last set in at Olneyville. The voluntary offer of Charles Fletcher to restore the schedule of 1893 to the operatives of the Providence and National worsted mills has been carried out, for the increase of 20 per cent goes into effect. This will give to the people of Olneyville a greatly increased amount of money, for the other mill owners have fallen into line and about 25,000 operatives will be drawing the new pay, and many old store bills, the sad reminders of the hard times of 1893-'94, will be squared up and the local merchants relieved of the heavy loads they have been carrying.

Spaulding Goes to Joliet.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Charles F. Spaulding, ex-president of the Globe Savings bank, was today sentenced to an indeterminate term in the penitentiary. He was charged with embezzling funds of the University of Illinois, of which he was treasurer.

Arrington, of Hopedale, has a coin given him by his nephew which is 600 years old. The date is the plainest thing about it, which is 1265.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cox of Williamsville, are very low with typhoid fever and another son, Blaine, who was injured some time ago, is lying at the point of death.

J. J. Smith has sold his 24 acre farm, east of Roanoke, to Frank Wilson for $1900 and will move to Nebraska.

MARTIN THORN TO DIE

Found Guilty by a Jury He Will Receive Death Sentence Friday.

MURDERER CONFESSES HIS GUILT

Declares that Mrs. Nack Told the Truth on the Stand — Now the Woman is to be Tried for Her Life.

New York, Dec. 1.—The trial of Martin Thorn for the sensational murder of William Guldensuppe is at an end. Last night the jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

The Verdict.

"How say you, gentlemen, is the prisoner guilty or not guilty?"

"We find the prisoner, Martin Thorn, guilty of the charge as preferred."

Foreman Morse jerked the words out of his mouth. Something seemed to stick in his throat. His 11 associates, who had never before done worse than to till the soil or shake the fruit from the trees in the orchard, looked askance at each other, for they were condemning a man to death.

Thorn, the murderer of Guldensuppe, the amorous Turkish bath attendant, sat in front of the 12, struggling to control himself. Mrs. Augusta Nack, whom he had sworn did Guldensuppe to death and then dismembered the body with him, was not present.

The last act in the Guldensuppe tragedy has not been played yet, for Mrs. Nack must be tried, but Thorn, the talkative lover, will be electrocuted before the winter is at an end. He realized that sitting in the dinginess of the Long Island City courtroom. Some appreciation of what it is to walk the lone way to the electrocutionist's chair dawned on him. He shuddered, this man who had beaten women to make them love him.

All his tale of Monday, his direct testimony that Mrs. Nack did the killing and that he came later to aid in hiding the body came to naught. He lied, and his pains were for nothing.

Thorn's Confession.

"I lied to clear myself. It was I who killed Guldensuppe. I am guilty and convicted."

Martin Thorn has spoken. The confession of Mrs. Nack was true. The mystery of the murder of William Guldensuppe is cleared. Never did a jury do its duty more truly than the one which found Thorn guilty, only to know an hour later that he admitted his guilt and would got to his death without further contest in the courts.

True to the last, faithful to the ways it has been taught to twist, his slippery tongue in a few words revealed that the state had not erred when it had made him the principal in the Woodside cottage crime.

Thorn, taken from the courtroom after the verdict of the jury was rendered to the jail, waiting for his cell to be searched, turned to Police Captain Methven of Flushing and talked. The stolid expression on his face all day had gone. He seemed to lift a burden from himself when he said:

"I am glad it is over and the verdict given. I am convicted and I am contented. I believe that every word Mrs Nack said on the stand was substantially true. When I was on the stand I lied when telling the story I did, but I lied to clear myself. It is no use carrying it any further. It is what I expected, and what I suppose people think I deserve, and —"

He paused a moment and looked away, then finished: "Perhaps I do."

The death sentence will be passed upon him Friday. Mrs. Nack will probably in the end be sentenced to prison for life. Thus will end the tragedy of June 26 in the cottage at Woodside, Long Island, where Guldensuppe died, and between their kisses and passion Mrs. Nack and Thorn rended his body and tossed it in the river, for the waters and Thorn's loose tongue to betray them at the last.

Martin Thorn and Mrs. Nack.

New York, Dec. 1.—Martin Thorn, who last evening heard the verdict which will send him to the electric chair, passed a quiet night. This morning he said he had no appetite for breakfast, but felt that a big load was off his mind. He said he supposed he would have make up his mind to meet the worst. Mrs. Nack spent a restless night, being evidently affected by the conviction. Thorn When she heard verdict she wept, and expressed sorrow for her former lover, although she says her conscience is relieved. She is in a highly nervous condition and very anxious about her own self. It is understood she will be arraigned next week, under a plea of guilty for manslaughter which the district attorney will accept.

Confirmation of Confession.

Lawyer Howe has strenuously denied the published statement of Thorn, after conviction yesterday, that he had confessed to the police department that he killed Guldensuppe.

Police Captain Methven said: "There is a discrepancy in the published report of Thorn's confession, but the main facts are unchanged. Thorn made part of the confession to me, and part to the sheriff. From what the sheriff told me I can truthfully say that Thorn confessed that he killed Guldensuppe.

William Mann of Mt. Pulaski has a banana tree which has borne a crop of fruit this season.

J. S. Murphy formerly editor of the Forrest Rambler, is now proprietor of a paper at Purdy, Mo.

A clerk in a store at Williamsville, who is aged 67, was married Thursday to a lady of the same place, aged 37.

APPEAL FOR CUBA.

President McKinley Considering the Best Plan of Reaching the People.

COLD WAVE SURE TO COME

Zero Weather Throughout the Great Northwest—Navigation to Close—Nebraska Freight Rates and Supreme Court.

New York, Dec. 1.—President McKinley is considering the best method of placing before the charitable citizens of the United States an appeal for food to relieve destitution in Cuba. According to the Washington correspondent of the World, the Spanish minister has informally conveyed information to this government that contributions will be welcome. The administration hopes the general relief movement will be started in this country. It is likely the president will ask congress for another appropriation to be utilized in preventing American citizens in Cuba from starving.

Extremely Cold Weather.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The weather bureau has issued a special bulletin stating that the minimum temperature in this section will be below zero tonight. The weather map shows zero weather and under all over the northwest this morning, being 1 to 38 below in the extreme northwest; 4 to 8 below all over the Dakotas and in Minnesota; 6 to 2 below over Nebraska; Duluth 8 below, with prospects of an early closing of lake navigation.

Supreme Court Divided.

Washington, Dec 1.—It is said here that the supreme court is evenly divided on the Nebraska maximum freight rate case, and that the case will be argued before the full bench in January.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Rev. M. M. Goodwin, Formerly of Decatur in Trouble at Boston.

Boston (Mass.) Daily Globe, November 28: There will be no religious services on board the receiving ship Wabash today. Chaplain Montgomery M. Goodwin, in consequence of charges preferred against him by Capt. H. F. Picking, U. S. N., will not preside at the customary services. The captain charges Chaplain Goodwin with having been guilty of intoxication and overstaying his leave of absence, and under the circumstances it would barely seem proper for the chaplain to appear before the ship's crew in the light of a spiritual adviser while under orders to make answer showing why he should not be tried by court martial.

Chaplain Goodwin does not seem content to lie under these charges without some defense, and has sent his answer to the charges to Washington. Just what this answer was could not be ascertained. Chaplain Goodwin is a new comer at the yard. He took the place of Chaplain D. H Tribou, who had been in charge of spiritual affairs on the Wabash for several years, and who on the arrival of Chaplain Goodwin, was put on shore duty about the navy yard, with a loss of one-third of his pay. Rev. Mr. Tribou outranks Rev. Mr. Goodwin, having rank of a captain, while Mr. Goodwin has that of a lieutenant, and has been in the service 22 years longer.

Chaplain Tribou is a favorite on board ship as well as in the yard, and some of his friends felt that he had been unjustly treated in the deal. He is the first chaplain ever assigned to duty at a navy yard. The former chaplain would undoubtedly rather have an active berth than be preaching in the navy yard, and to the men in the navy prison, even if the circumstance of more pay did not cut a figure.

Chaplain Goodwin could not be seen last evening.

Out of the Service.

This press telegram appeared in the city papers today:

Washington, Nov. 30.—Rev. Montgomery M. Goodwin, chaplain in the navy, has found a way out of a serious difficulty by resigning his office. The president has accepted his resignation. Chaplain Goodwin was reported to the navy department last week by Captain H. F M. Picking for drunkenness. Captain Picking commands the receiving ship Wabash at Boston, to which the chaplain is attached. In answer to a letter from the department calling for an explanation of his alleged misconduct, the reverend gentleman said he had gone out with a party of officers and, having the headache, took some spirits in the hope of curing it. There were other circumstances connected with the case, however, that would have compelled the department to order a court martial, but it was decided that the best course to pursue to avoid a scandal was to accept the chaplain's resignation, which was forwarded with his explanation. Chaplain Goodwin was appointed on the navy by President Cleveland in 1894. He is a citizen of Illinois.

Quit His Job.

Paris, Dec. 1.—Owing to the defeat in the senate yesterday of the motion by Darlan, minister of justice, to shelve discussion of the removal of a magistrate, Darlan has resigned.

Young George to Wed.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—A marriage license was issued today to Henry George, late candidate for mayor of Greater New York and Marie M. Hitch, of Chicago.

THERE IS A CLASS OF PEOPLE

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN O.

WILSON IN SOUTH.

Secretary of Agriculture Gives a Good Speech on Science of Farming.

AT DEDICATION OF A NEW BUILDING

Importance of Securing a Proper Education Presented—We Compete with the World—Dawn of a Better Day.

Tuskegee, Ala., Nov. 30.—The new agricultural building, the Booker T. Washington Normal and Industrial institution for colored people, was opened today. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson made the principal address.

Secretary Wilson, after presenting figures showing the rapid agricultural and industrial progress in the south, said. "The United States is far ahead of all other nations in making provision for education in the science of all that relates to agriculture, yet little more than a beginning has been made. It takes time to impress farmers and farmers' sons with the necessity of devoting time in schools and colleges to study things with which they deal daily. That mystery attaches to these common things few advisers of family believe. Therefore every influence about an ambitious young farmer leads him off to an institution where the family may have had sons educated for generations back, or where the gospel minister of the family was educated, or the family doctor, or any other family oracle. A better day has dawned. We compete with the world and are preparing for the struggle. We pay $400,000 annually for agricultural products we might grow. The American farmer must be informed regarding the world's crops of every kind, so that he may direct his energies to the production which pays best and injures his land least."

Secretary Wilson told his hearers that cotton fibres, butter and meats could be exported with little damage to the soil. But cotton seeds should not leave the vicinity where grown. It should be fed to make meats and dairy products, returning to enrich the soil. In conclusion he said: "The farm invites the best thought of scholars in all directions. All sciences apply to it."

MURDER AT PANA.

Coal Miners Up in Arms and Threaten to Lynch McAdams.

Pana, Nov. 29.—Shortly before noon today in an altercation over money matters Jesse McAdams, a drayman, shot and killed Frank Radamacher, a miner. The miners are much wrought up over the killing and threaten to lynch McAdams

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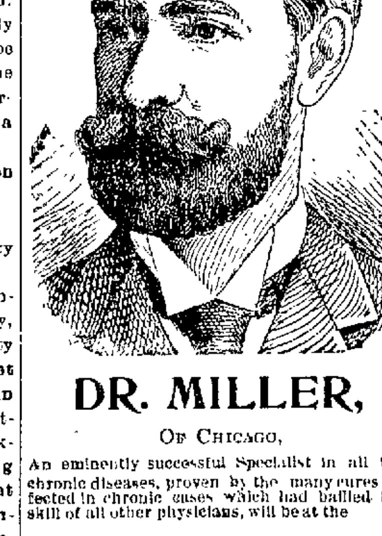

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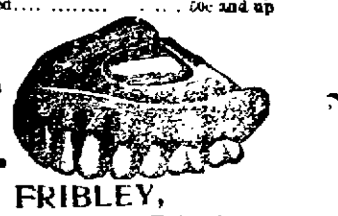

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